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TEA

Better Leaf Needed, Exporters Tell Growers

High Prices Result In Big Hold Over Stocks

Trade With America Getting Back To Normal

Weather

Overcast or cloudy weather. The maximum temperature yesterday was 55.8 and the minimum 41.7, figures for the corresponding day last year being 57.9 and 46.0.

The Mail Box

MAILS for U. S. and Europe, Empress of Russia, Saturday.
FROM U.S. Pres. Jefferson and Empress of Australia, Monday.
FOR Europe via Suez, Str. Haruna Maru, today, 3 p.m.
FROM Europe via Suez, Str. Kashmir, Apr. 7.

TEA TRADERS URGE CHINESE GROWERS TO SEEK 'QUALITY

Jardine, Matheson Brochure Caustic In Comment

BIG STOCKS HELD

Consumption In America Stationary; England Using More

BY DAVID ARAKIE
(Financial Editor)

In a brochure on tea conditions in China recently issued, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., discussing black teas state that the crop was a mediocre one. On green teas some rather caustic remarks are made, and these are worth repeating. The brochure states:. "The less said about green teas the better. Native growers were well warned by cable not to make anything like the quantity of last season's colored green teas.

"The nearest approach to profiting from this advice seems to have been in their substituting the word 'quality' for 'quantity', for in appearance this fully-as-big-as-last-year's crop was, candidly speaking a wretched one. Too many uncolored teas were also made, and their appearance was generally poor."

There is much truth in this assertion. For instance, the Chun Mee grade this season has not been good. The Chinese tea men used a good portion of their better leaf Gunpowder for mixing in with Chun Mee, and unless they produce better leaf next season they will suffer. The desirability of doing this has already been brought home to them by exporters, and it is hoped that they will do it, if only for the sake of the good name of Chinese tea.

PRICES HIGH

Chinese tea men must blame themselves for the money they have lost on country tea chops, for outside of the consideration of inferior quality they have been adamant in their prices and have refused to sell below their quotations. They declined earlier in the season reasonable offers made to them by consumers abroad, and now these quotations are some twenty taels per picul less than before. It is probable that, on the whole, a fair quantity of China tea will be carried forward to the new season, in spite of excess exports in some grades as compared with last season. There are large parcels of low grades teas in the hands of dealers. For instance, there are some 15,000 half-chests of country teas on hand, some 5,000 half-chests of Hoochow and 20,000 boxes of Pinsuey chops.

The consumption of tea per capita in America still compares unfavorably with the largest tea-drinking countries of the world, and this in spite of Prohibition. Other countries have steadily run up their per capita thermometer, England specially, during the period 1873 to 1920, from 4.11 lbs. to 8.51 lbs., while America has remained almost stationary. One reason undoubtedly is the inability on the part of the American consumer to differentiate between good, bad and indifferent tea.

China last year furnished the United States with 19,806,938 pounds of tea having a value of G$3,330,166, a notable increase over the year before, when shipments were only 14,648,556 pounds valued at G$2,127,715 In 1921 they were 14,639,997 pounds valued at G$2,061,196. Last year's trade was rather in the nature of a return to normal, the figures corresponding to those for the years during and preceding the War. Until 1923 the trade since the last year of the Great War had been rather depressed, ranging between 10 to 14 million pounds.

CONDITIONS GOOD

A curious remark in one of the tea exporters' circular is this: "What, therefore, promised to be an outstanding year seems liable to be affected by the probable 'sting in the tail.'

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GERMANY IN REPLY ASKS LEAGUE TO TAKE CHARGE

Berlin Wants Allied Commission Replaced

NEW CRISIS

Violent Scene Ensues In French Chamber

(Reuter's Service)

Berlin, April 2.—The German Government's reply to the Conference of Ambassadors on the question of military control, which was presented last night, suggests that the proposed investigation of German armaments should be carried out by the Council of the League of Nations and also proposes immediate replacement of the Allied Control Commission by a body subordinate to the Council.

(Reuter's Service)

Paris, April 2.—The opinion is expressed in French official circles that a very grave situation has been created by the German reply to the Note of the Ambassadors' Conference.

It is stated that for the first time after the Armistice Germany adopts the tone of an independent Power unbound by treaty. It is also intimated that no steps towards resumption of control are possible until after the German elections.

(French Wireless through Reuter)

Paris, April 2.—The general political debate which commenced yesterday will continue this afternoon. It is anticipated to close in the night session. The Committee

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JUDGE LOBINGIER SAILS FOR HOME ON McKINLEY

Prominent Church Workers Also Leave For U. S. Conferences

Judge Charles S. Lobingier, retiring judge of the United States Court for China, and Mrs. Lobingier, sailed on the President McKinley yesterday afternoon for Japan ports en route to the United States where they will spend an extended vacation. Judge and Mrs. Lobingier will spend a few days in Japan before continuing on to Seattle on the next Admiral-Oriental liner, and will then go to Nebraska, their old home, for a visit, and later go down in the Ozark Mountains for a more extended rest.

A large gathering of members of the Shanghai legal fraternity as well as other prominent Americans were at the Custom's jetty at 4 o'clock to wish the Judge and Mrs. Lobingier bon voyage, and a delegation of students from Soochow University Law School were on hand with a banner wishing him farewell. Just before the tender pulled out they bid him goodbye with a college yell that rivalled the firecrackers being fired off by another large group of Chinese who were at the jetty to bid goodbye to Dr. James C. Yui of the Y.M.C.A., and family.

Dr. Yui, who has been in ill health for some time, has been offered a year's vacation in the United States by the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. and left yesterday on a trip that will eventually take him to all parts of the United States.

Among others who sailed were Mrs. H. C. Mei, wife of the well known Chinese attorney, who is on her way to attend the World Committee meeting of the Y. W. C. A. which will be held in Washington, D.C. in May; Dr. A. J. Bowen, President of Nanking University, Mr. Roger Rahn of the Chungking High School, Mr. Liu Chin-fu of the Nanking University Middle School, and Mr. Su Ru-chen of Yenping, all of whom are on their way to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church which is to be held at Springfield, Massachusetts.

American Commercial Organisation Elects New Committee, Hears Reports

Largely Attended Session Hears Review Of Year's Activities; Directors For New Term Are Elected

At the annual general meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce held at the American Club last night the president, Mr. J. Harold Dollar, in a comprehensive review of the Chamber's activities during the year and the various developments affecting American business interests in China, asserted that while there have been no tangible improvements in the situation in China conditions were a little better—at least no worse—and that the portents for the future were encouraging.

"The most interesting development during the year," Mr. Dollar said, "was the apparent increased interest on the part of the several Powers, including the United States, in Chinese affairs."

As evidence of increased American interest Mr. Dollar cited the letter written by Secretary of State Hughes on American policy in China, the action of Congress in appropriating for additional naval vessels on the Yangtsze, and among the several nations the postponement of the Special Tariff Conference, and the visit of the Judicial Commission, and the prospective action regarding China's foreign financial obligations.

HOPES FOR BETTER

"It is gratifying to feel that our home government is taking cognizance of the situation in this part of the world as affecting its nationals" Mr. Dollar continued, "and is finding it practicable now to take action calculated to protect our treaty rights. It pleases me to think that this is due in some measure to our efforts and I would recommend that this policy be actively followed by the incoming committee in order that this interest at home may not lag.

"In doing so, the valuable cooperation that has existed among the various American bodies in China, the Mission organisations, and the several foreign Chambers, should of course be fostered, and it is highly desirable also to continue the policy of cooperation and understanding with the Chinese themselves.

TRADE MARKS

"One of the outstanding questions at the moment is that of the Chinese Trade-Mark Law. The action and position of the Chamber is fully outlined in the report—the situation in brief being that the Chinese have promulgated a law providing for the registration of trade-marks and determination of disputed questions regarding same, in the administration of which law there is no provision whatever for foreign assistance or foreign representation.

"Moreover, there is not, under prevailing conditions, any prospect of the Peking Government being able to enforce the law in the various Provinces. The importance of safeguarding our trademarks cannot be overestimated—they constitute the key to most of our business property in China—moreover, our extraterritorial rights are seriously involved—and it behooves the incoming Committee to allow this matter unremittingly.

"One material indication, which I hope means something, lies in the fact that trade between the United States and China actually showed a material increase—being in 1922 G.$235,000,000, and in 1923 G.$275,000,000. If a reasonable degree of stability can be brought about in this country, our trade should increase by leaps and bounds. One particular feature which the members of the Chamber might well stress is the necessity of financial and credit facilities comparable to those enjoyed by our competitors.

"Our policy, as I see it, is to continue to maintain a sympathetic and helpful attitude towards the Chinese, whenever help is desired or practicable; but at the same time to see to it that our treaty rights are safeguarded fully—this may at times evoke criticism, but there is no alternative."

ELECT DIRECTORATE

The Board of Directors elected is as follows: Mr. S. R. Brown, of the International Banking Corporation; Mr. J. Harold Dollar, of the Robert Dollar Co.; Mr. J. Eichwald, of the Koster Co.; Mr. B. C. Haile, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.; Mr. H. B. Lane, of Andersen, Meyer and Co.; Mr. V. G. Lyman, of the Standard Oil Co.; Mr. A. E. Schumacher, of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation; Mr. P. P. Whitham, of the Asia Development Co., and Mr. H. A. Wiley, of the American Foreign Insurance Association.

ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Dollar then presented the report for the year as follows:

"At the last annual meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce, held on June 29, 1923,

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CHAUFFEUR LOSES ACTION AGAINST HIS EMPLOYER

Claimed Pension Fund For Old Age As His Own

A Chinese chauffeur who claimed a pension fund set aside for his old age as his own lost his claim in the British Court yesterday when Judge Peter Grain handed down a decision in favor of the plaintiff, Mr. Charles A. Howard of the Kailan Mining Administration. The chauffeur, Kee Foo-kien, had sued for $328.18 on deposit in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which he asserted had been deducted from his wages each month and which Mr. Howard now refused to give him because the chauffeur had left his employ.

Mr. Howard contended that he had simply added $5 additional to the chauffeur's salary each month and deposited in the bank on the understanding that Kee was to continue in his employ and that the fund would be used for an old age pension when Kee was no longer able to work. Mr. R. G. MacDonald, for the defense, expanding Mr. Howard's contention described Kee's action as "a trumpted up claim by a most ungrateful, impertinent and undeserving employee."

THE EVIDENCE

Evidence setting forth the facts claimed was given by both parties, differing in the general conclusion. Mr. Howard testified that he had hired Kee in 1918 and that he had worked for him a little over six years. He had treated him generously, he said, eventually raising his salary to $30 a month, $15 allowance for oil, and allowing him to accept cumsha from garages where he purchased gasoline. Last year, he said, he went to England, but before leaving informed Kee that he would take him back in his employ when he returned and made provision to the sum of $5 to be deposited in the bank each month toward a pension fund he had established for Kee.

Returning from home leave, Mr. Howard said, he discovered that Kee was working for Mr. Rosenfeld at a higher salary, but he promised to return on December 1. When that date arrived, however, he informed Mr. Howard that he had received a $10 a

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Flyers Hop Off From Portugal For Macao Flight

(Reuter's Service)

Lisbon, April 2.—A Portuguese airship will depart at dawn tomorrow on the projected flight to Macao.

Three world flights are in progress with the start of the Portuguese flyers from Lisbon. The British round-the-world flyers are at Corfu, awaiting repairs to their damaged 'plane, and the American flyers are at Seattle awaiting minor repairs for the big hop toward Alaska.

Men Who Figure In The News Of The Day

Above: William S. Kenyon, Premier Theunis & George E. Chamberlain
Below: E. W. Smithers, Paul Howland and Al Smith

The name of Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, has been entered as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in the Illinois primaries. Ex-U. S. Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Paul Howland, noted Washington attorney, have been retained to defend Attorney-General H. M. Daugherty in the proposed impeachment proceedings. Federal Judge W. S. Kenyon, formerly U. S. Senator from Iowa, is mentioned as the next Attorney-General, when Daugherty resigns. E. W. Smithers, chief telegrapher at the White House, also worked the private wire E. B. McLean had installed between Washington and Palm Beach. The Ministry of Premier Theunis, of Belgium, has been overthrown by the Chamber of Deputies, and has resigned.

LABOR WARMLY CRITICIZED IN COMMONS DEBATE

Housing Scheme And Unemployment Benefits Under Fire

(Reuter's Service)

London, Apr. 2.—That the Government are going to have a very warm time was the suggestion of Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Conservative Member for Nottingham, at question-time in the House of Commons today, when even the Conservative front-benchers joined in the chorus of criticisms of the Government answers on the subject of their housing scheme, unemployment benefits and other matters. Feeling ran high throughout, questions on the Wembley strike especially exciting heated passages between the Government and the Opposition benches.

Today's business included controversial topics like the Evictions Bill, the Capital Levy, Army discipline, including the death penalty, and the use of troops in trade disputes. The Evictions Bill, otherwise the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Bill, which was introduced by Mr. John Wheatly, Minister of Health, provoked the Conservatives and Liberals, who describe it as a "sop to Clydeside," chiefly on account of its first clause which prohibits the ejectment of a tenant not paying his rent, if the tenant is unemployed.

When Sir H. Kingsley Wood, Conservative Member for Woolwich, asked for a prolongation of the debate on a bill of such gravity, Mr. J. R. Clynes, the Deputy Leader of the House, said that in view of the serious grievance which the bill dealt with the Government intended to take a decision of the House tonight.

(Reuter's Service)

London, April 2.—In the House of Commons today, Mr. John Wheatley, the Minister of Health, moved the second reading of the Evictions Bill. He vividly depicted the destitution in Glasgow due to unemployment. Women and children were starving, yet evictions were increasing, destroying family life and subjecting them to treatment worse than that inflicted on great criminals. Mr. Wheatley agreed that the burden of helping them should not be thrown entirely on property owners (Opposition cheers and laughter). He knew that there were still members of the House who put the rights of property above the rights of human beings (Opposition protests and Ministerial cheers). He warned

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China Insists On Further Discussion Before Pact With Russia Is Signed

Latest Note Cites Three Points In Controversy—Responsibility For Failure Rests With Soviet

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, April 2.—Replying to M. Karakhan's memorandum of March 24, the Waichiaopu, in a lengthy Note presented to the Soviet envoy last night, reiterates most of the points brought out by Dr. Wellington Koo in the exchange of messages with M. Karakhan on Friday and Saturday through the latter's secretary.

The Note adds that the Chinese Government must decline to discuss with M. Karakhan China's relations with other Powers. It must suffice to reiterate that the Chinese Government would not permit their policy vis-a-vis the Sino-Russian negotiations to be interfered with by outside influence. The Ministry points out that the Chinese Government have not disavowed any agreement formally concluded. If M. Karakhan refuses to discuss the modifications with a view to completion of the proposed agreement and insists on returning to the position at the beginning of his conversations with Dr. C. T. Wang, it would merely be another proof that responsibility for the delay rests with the Soviet and not the Chinese Government.

As regards the proposed agreements the Chinese Government are ready to approve and sign them provided modifications are effected in the preliminary text, as follows:—

(1) Regarding treaties, the Note contending that the agreement should provide for reciprocal renunciation of treaties and agreements made with a third party affecting the interests of the other;

(2) Regarding the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Mongolia, which, the Note contends, should be made a more definite undertaking on the part of Russia. It should not be conditional, though the necessary details for the withdrawal may be arranged later;

(3) Concerning Russian church property, the settlement of which the Foreign Minister proposes shall remain in abeyance until after the establishment of normal relations because the Chinese Government are not yet in possession of all the facts concerning such properties.

The Chinese Government wish to discuss these three points, on which they cannot believe that M. Karakhan, if he really wishes to re-establish friendly relations with China, can have any objection to negotiate. Should M. Karakhan, however, see insurmountable difficulties in the way of modifying the preliminary text, the Chinese Government, animated by a spirit of conciliation and an earnest desire for official relations between China and Russia, are prepared to agree to having these modifications

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MANILA MONKEY SACRIFICED ON ALTAR OF SCIENCE

Is Killed In Testing Electrocution Chair

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Manila, March 20.—"Ronquillo," a monkey which long has been a pet around the Luneta Police Station, has been sacrificed on the altar of science. The Philippine government more than a year ago adopted the electric chair as a means of executing condemned murderers and in order to test the efficiency of the apparatus which recently was received from the United States, Ronquillo was commandeered as the first victim. It required only five seconds to kill the monkey after the current had been turned on.

Officials announced that the chair was ready to be used for the electrocution of nine murderers who have been held in Bilibid prison awaiting the installation of the electrical apparatus.

The Philippine Islands is the first country in the Far East to adopt the electric chair for the execution of murderers.

Shipping Board Ships To Have Diesel Engines

(Reuter's American Service)

Washington, April 2.—The House of Representatives has passed a bill authorising expenditure of $25,000,000 on the installation of the Diesel type of engine in United States Shipping Board vessels.

DEAN STONE OF COLUMBIA WILL SUCCEED DAUGHERTY

resident Appoints New Attorney-General

NEW YORKER

Has Had Splendid Career In The Law

(Reuter's American Service)

Washington, Mar. 2.—President Coolidge has selected Mr. Harlan F. Stone, dean of the Columbia University School of Law, New York, to succeed Mr. Harry M. Daugherty as Attorney-General.

Mr. Harlan Fiske Stone, Dean of the Law School of Columbia University in New York City, was born at Chesterfield, New Hampshire, on October 11, 1872, and after completing his common school education graduated from Amherst College, the same college from which President Coolidge came.

Mr. Stone then studied law, for four years in the Columbia University Law School and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1898. Almost immediately he became a lecturer in the Columbia Law School, then a professor of law, and became Dean of the school in 1910.

Mr. Stone has also been a member of the well known New York law firm of Satterlee, Canfield and Stone; a director of the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railroad; and numerous other corporations. He has also served as a member of the Legislative Drafting Research Fun of New York, and is a member of the American Bar Association (council on legal education), New York State Bar Association, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Delta Phi college fraternity, and numerous clubs.

Mr. Stone's home is at 435 Riverside Drive, New York City.

PIRACY IN SOUTH CHINA WATERS IS BEFORE COMMONS

Curzon Attacks Hongkong Government's New Regulations

(Reuter's Service)

London, April 2.—In the House of Commons today, Viscount Curzon (Conservative) drew attention to what he described as the alarming increase in piracy in South China waters. He declared that the merchant shipmasters and officers considered the piracy regulations of the Hongkong Government useless. A large British shipping company was anxious to instal wireless on their ships as a safeguard, but was prevented by the Government regulation dealing with the nationality of the operators to be engaged.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, referred to his previous reply on the question. He said that the Governor's report would without doubt deal with the question of wireless, and the applicability of the regulation mentioned to Hongkong waters could then be further considered.

Britain May Have 8-Hour Law

(Reuter's Service)

London, April 2.—In the House of Commons today at question-time, Mr. Thomas Shaw, the Minister of Labor, said that it was hoped to introduce the eight-hour day bill shortly, whether or not foreign countries took similar steps. The bill would cover textile operatives.

SHIP CAPTAIN CHARGED FOR POLUTING RIVER

Allege President McKinley Discharged Oil In Whangpoo

Allegations that the water supply of Shanghai was being endangered by the discharge of oil into the Whangpoo by Admiral Line vessels, was made yesterday afternoon in the U. S. Commissioner's Court, when Mr. A. O. Lustig, master of the President McKinley, was charged with violation of the Harbor Regulations and committing a nuisance.

Mr. L. G. Husar, District Attorney, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. R. F. C. Master represented the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Mr. Husar said that his office had not yet had an opportunity of investigating whether the facts constituted a public offence and he was advised by the Shipping Board representative that the ship was now bound for the United States and was already four or five days late. He asked that the case be postponed until the return of the vessel some six weeks hence.

Mr. Master, who said he had received a letter from Mr. Husar expressing pleasure in associating him in the prosecution of the case, if it came before the Court, stated that the charge was laid under the Harbor Regulations 39b for the port of Shanghai which had to deal with the discharge of oil into the Whangpoo. As the Court would realise it was a serious matter that oil should be discharged into the river, no matter how it was done, whether from a leak, or through being pumped overboard, because it was quite possible for the oil to percolate into the waterworks when it would take months and months and necessitate an expenditure of an enormous amount of money to free the water from the taint of oil. Such a thing had happened before and if any quantity of oil got into the waterworks the water supply would be very seriously interfered with.

This was the fourth case where ships belonging to the Admiral Line had discharged oil into the harbor. There was one case which was due for hearing on the 17th of this month. In the present case a very large quantity of oil was discharged and the Admiral Line had written to the Commissioner of Customs alleging that there was a leak in the settling tank of the vessel. The position taken up by the Customs was that no matter how the oil got into the water there was still a liability on the vessel for having permitted it to do so. He asked that the captain be put on bond to appear when the case next came before the Court.

Mr. Husar explained that as an employee of the Shipping Board the captain was responsible, and he had the assurance of the local representative that the captain would appear when the case came on for trial.

The hearing was continued until May 14.

HEALTH EXPERT WARNS AGAINST YELLOW FEVER

Fears Disease May Be Brought To Far East

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Manila, March 26.—Dr. Victor G. Heiser, Far East representative of the Rockefeller Foundation, who is now in the Philippines on an inspection trip, has issued a warning to the health authorities to take every precaution against the spread of yellow fever to this part of the world. He said yellow fever is now prevalent in Brazil and that there was great danger of trans-Pacific steamers carrying the disease to Far East ports. He asserted that the most important work of the Rockefeller Foundation at present is the stamping out of yellow fever in Brazil.

He declared that scientists have found that the variety of Mosquitoes which carry yellow fever exists in the Far East and that grave fear is expressed of a spread of the disease should it once get a start here.

Dr. Heiser said the policy of the Foundation in the Philippines of loaning its technical men and doctors to the health service here would be continued and that the eradication of malaria would constitute once of their chief activities.

He also stated the Foundation would continue the giving of fellowships to Filipino technical men to study in America so they may take up the work of the Foundation when they return home.

Labor Warmly Criticized In Commons Debate

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the House that there were limits to human endurance.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Conservative Member for Birmingham, said that Mr. Wheatley fulfilled a double function. He was a hostage in the hands of Mr. Ramsay Macdonald for the good behaviour of the Labor Party back-benchers and a pledge for his friends that class war would not be allowed to sleep. The back-benchers were now beginning to realise their power.

Mr. Asquith, Liberal Member for Paisley, said that he was unable to support the bill, which introduced an insidious and invidious proposal. Unless the Government deleted the first clause, he said that the Liberals would vote against the second reading.

Mr. J. Maxton, Labor Member for Glasgow, pressed the Government to accept the Opposition's ultimatum and appeal to the country on the issue.

The trend of the Opposition speeches was heralding the doom of the Government until Mr. J. R. Clynes, Deputy Leader of the House, at the last moment announced their willingness to erase Clauses 1 and substitute a clause whereby the cost of maintaining unemployed in their homes fell on the public funds. Discussion thereupon arose as to whether the insertion of such a clause would make the measure a money bill, which would necessitate complete reframing. Thus the allotted time for discussion passed and the bill was talked out. This does not mean that the bill is lost, but that the debate is adjourned.

The Government are considering the situation arising from the debate on the Evictions Bill, but have decided that, whatever the outcome, they will not treat the matter as one of confidence.

(It is the opinion at present that the bill will be dropped and a new measure substituted).

(Reuter's Service)

London, April 2.—After the Evictions Bill had been got out of the way the House of Commons settled down to the debate on the subject of a capital levy, which was of an academic character as it is recognised that the question is not a live issue in this Parliament.

Lieut.-Col. Walter Guinness, Conservative member for Bury St. Edmonds, submitted a motion inviting the House to register the opinion that encouragement of enterprise and fruitful use of capital was needed, and a capital levy would prove disastrous to employment.

Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, Labor member for Leicester, moved an amendment supporting a capital levy.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, the Deputy Leader of the House, recognised that no Government could introduce a capital levy proposal unless they were assured of public opinion. He believed that people would soon see that it was a real and stern necessity.

The amendment was defeated and Colonel Guinness's motion carried by 325 votes to 160.

(Reuter's Service)

London, April 2.—It is understood in the Lobby of the House of Commons that further consideration of the evictions questions has been adjourned to the Cabinet meeting today.

(Reuter's Service)

London, April 3.—Mr. Murray, the London organiser of the Building Trades Federation, has advised the Wembley strikers to resume work immediately. He pointed out that continuance of the strike would prejudice the pending negotiations with the employers. In the event of failure of the negotiations there would be a national strike on May 1.

(Reuter's Service)

London, April 3.—It is estimated that fifty percent of the men are now back at work at Wembley.

Manila Railway To Be Taken Out Of Politics

(Exclusive China Press)

Manila, April 1.—The Board of Control of the Manila Railroad Company has decided to eliminate political influence in the conduct of the system and all members of the legislature on the board are to be asked to retire immediately.

Governor Wood has announced a policy of making the railroad board more of a business man's affair and vesting its direction in more competent hands.

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BREAK GROUND FOR NEW CHURCH THIS AFTERNOON

Ceremony Takes Place At 4.30 Opposite American School

A short service will be held on the Community Church lot opposite the American School on Friday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. when the ground will be broken for the new church building. The campaign which was conducted last June netted enough money to buy eleven mow of land and left a good balance to begin the church building. The new church will be of the Tudor style. The first unit will consist of a hall to seat 550, together with an annex containing the pastor's apartment and rooms of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Dr. J. B. Fearn, chairman of the board of governors will turn the first spadefull of dirt. The pastor, Rev. Clifford M. Drury and Dr. William Lacy will also take part in the program. All members and friends of the church are invited to be present.

TEA

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Exports show a large increase to all ports, and we can only hope that the natives will curb their inclination and curtail the size of next year's crop."

There is certainly very little occasion for such a foreboding. Fundamental conditions in the wholesale tea market have remained strong, and ample demand coming forward to take care of large quantities which have been lately catalogued in London tea auctions. There is certainly little to fear if the Chinese tea men concentrate their energies on producing quality and not quantity. The demand for China teas from England during the past few weeks has not been good, and this only because the quality of the stuff that is now in the hands of the dealers is not up to the requirements of the buyers. The knowledge that some 40,000 packages of teas of the third and fourth crops, of inferior quality, remain unsold in Shanghai and Hankow have caused buyers to keep away from the market. Some of this quality, it is mentioned, has already been sold and received in London, where the poor cupping quality and skinny mixed leaf appearance have served to frighten buyers away.

If quality is kept at a high level, there is no reason for the tea man in China to be terrified, but quality must go hand in hand with increased production. It is quite likely that this undesirable stock of third and fourth crops would have to be carried forward to the new season. They will be difficult to dispose of. It is better to have a reduced output of better quality than an increased one of doubtful grade.

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Russo-Japanese Negotiations In Deadlock

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effected through a supplementary exchange of notes to be signed with the agreements.

The Note in conclusion remarks that the texts of the proposed agreements can serve as the basis of understanding if the three points, to which the Chinese Government attach great importance, can be given adequate consideration and suitable changes effected by a revision of the texts or through an exchange of notes.

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, March 31.—The Senate will hold a meeting this afternoon, when Premier Sun Pao-chi and Dr. Wellington Koo will be invited to attend and furnish a full report on the Sino-Russian situation. (A further report will be issued later).

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, March 31.—The Chinese papers state that the Government will send a formal reply to Mr. Karakham's memorandum of Mar. 24, but this is not confirmed in official quarters.

That Moscow does not look upon the Sino-Russian negotiations as finally concluded is the inference drawn by many Chinese in view of the fact that the unofficial agencies are continuing their duties. China's unofficial agent at Chita is being replaced by Mr. Chang Wei, whose passports are being arranged with the Soviet Mission in Peking. This is thought to be significant in view of the drastic action taken towards the Japanese Consul at Vladivostok recently.

(Eastern News Agency)

Peking, April 2.—Rumor is rife in Chinese circles that M. Karakhan, with the aim of turning a new leaf in the Sino-Russian negotiations to the advantage of Soviet Russia, is flattering the Chinese authorities concerned, freely scattering money among and forcing bribery upon Chinese officials in order to obtain their good-will. In this connection, the Soviet delegation here, through the Rosta News Agency, denies the rumor and adds that the allegation is only a propaganda by Japan, the United States, France, and those Chinese who are opposed to the restoration of friendly relations between China and Soviet Russia.

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Mar. 31.—The students of the Government University are believed to have given up their intention to make a demonstration at the Waichiaopu in favour of the unconditional recognition of Russia, and the police and gendarmarie guards have been withdrawn from the university.

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LIBRARY SECTION OF WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET TODAY

The Library Department of the American Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Club rooms today at 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. E. G. Young, of Nan Yang University, will give the monthly review of current events, followed by an informal discussion. Mrs. K. E. Graham, of the American School, will review the American drama "Sun Up" by Lula Vollmer.

All members and friends of the Club are invited to attend the meeting.

Seek To Draw Color Line In South Africa

(Reuter's Service)

Capetown, April 2.—The Minister of the Interior, moving the second reading of the Class Areas Bill in the House of Assembly, said that it was introduced owing to pressure by Indians on Whites. The Bill only aimed at separation with regard to residence and trading. Every consideration and justice would be shown to an Indian but the claim of equality could not be allowed. There was no place for the expansion of Indians in South Africa today and the so-called Indian menace could only be dispelled by expansion of Whites throughout the Union.

Chauffeur Loses Action Against His Employer

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month increase in salary and therefore would not come back to his service.

WANTED MONEY

Kee on several occasions had asked him for the money he knew was in the bank, he said, but he had refused to give it to him. Finally, however, he had told Kee that he would give him $100 from the fund in consideration of the six years or more he had worked for him. On March 17, Mr. Howard said, Kee demanded the money and when he refused him he left the office and a half-hour later he received a letter from Mr. Arthur Hovey, Kee's attorney.

Kee's story, as told through his evidence and the opening statement of his counsel, Mr. Covey, was slightly different. After his salary was raised to $30 a month, he said, Mr. Howard had suggested that he should save some of his earnings for his old age and he had expressed his willingness but said he didn't know how to go about it. Mr. Howard, he said, opened the account for him and he always deposited the $5 each month from his own salary, giving the pass-book, which was made out in Mr. Howard's name, back to him for safe-keeping.

When Mr. Howard went to England and he got a better position he asked Mr. Howard for the money but was refused. Mr. Howard, he said, had offered him $100 but had said that the remainder would be given to some charitable institution.

Judge Grain, in giving a decision in favor of Mr. Howard, said that it was plain the money belonged to Mr. Howard. One of the strongest points in favor of that view, he said, was the fact that while Mr. Howard was at home he continued depositing $5 each month to the account's credit, although the chauffeur at that time was in someone else's employment.

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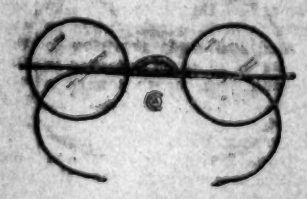

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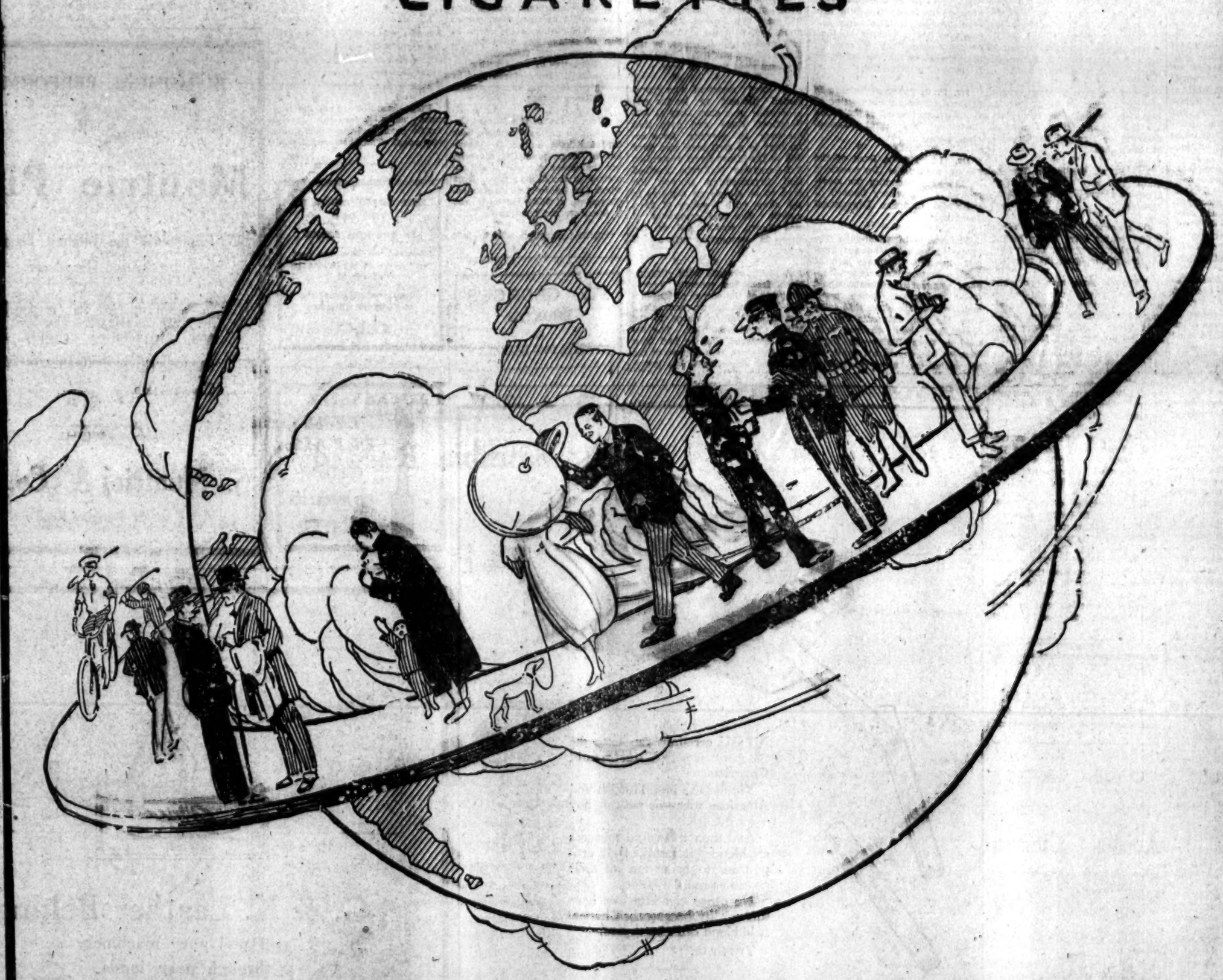

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News Brevities

A young Russian threw himself under the wheels of an advancing locomotive at Harbin last week, within a few yards of the viaduct. His head was completely severed at the neck. His identity was unknown.

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Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the late President, has just been given the exceptional privilege by the Congress of the United States of using the mails without cost, as an earnest of the Nation's esteem. No compliment is said to be higher than this privilege, which lasts until death, and is a remarkable illustration of the American equivalent of the "beau geste."

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A warning to Japan to prepare for war on the Pacific was published in the Kokumin Shimbun last week under the name of its famous editor, Mr. Soho Tokutomi. Declaring his countrymen are peace-loving people and denying that he questions the goodwill of any other Power, Mr. Tokutomi nevertheless opines that the Washington Conference failed to solve the problem of peace and that Japan cannot afford to rely for her national security on the goodwill of others.

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Police Constable S. S. Bradley of the Yangtzepoo Police station was sued in the British Court before Judge Peter Grain yesterday on three actions alleging $16.90 owed to Y. Ching Mow & Company $38.40 owed the Eddie Cafe, and $250 owed to Hung Ching. Judgment was given plaintiff in each action.

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The wedding of Miss Kathleen Patterson and of Mr. James Quin was celebrated Wednesday at the British Consulate and afterwards in the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at which the Very Rev. C. J. F. Symons officiated. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Quin left for Takhu Lake where the honeymoon is to be spent.

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Mr. H. E. Byram, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, and Mrs. Byram, returned to Shanghai yesterday on the president McKinley from a trip South. They will remain in Shanghai several days before continuing on their way back to the United States.

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Mr. H. G. Huckstep, teacher in the Thomas Hanbury School for Boys, was fined $3 in the British Police Court yesterday when he was found guilty of passing another motor car on Nanking Road on the evening of March 25 when he is alleged to have disregarded traffic signals.

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Miss Jane Gehrés, who was confined to hospital for several days, has now fully recovered and at her home.

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The American Consulate-General would be pleased to receive any information as to the present whereabouts of Mr. Peter Dentici, of Yokohama and Mr. Otis Johnson of San Diego, California.

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A general invitation is extended to civilians to attend the concert for sailors to be held at the Navy Y.M.C.A. on Monday night, April 7, commencing at nine o'clock. There is no charge for admission. The program, containing the names of well known people, is an excellent one.

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The Coast Inspector informs us that the Commissioner of Customs at Amoy has notified him telegraphically that the steamer Kiukiang went ashore badly at Taitan on the night of the 1st instant, but there was no loss of life.

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Mrs. E. S. Kousminsky announces that on March 31 the raffle was drawn at the Bureau for Russian Affairs and the following tickets have won the prizes: oil painting, ticket No. 98, Mrs. Du Pac, 45 Weihaiwei Road; lady's portrait, ticket No. 249, Mr. Gonda, 4 Ezra Road; cigar box, ticket No. 101, Mrs. Peters, 30 Route Pichon; field binoculars, ticket No. 8, Mr. Master, 1 Museum Road.

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Word has been received by Mr. A. Strok that Mieczyslaw Munz, the pianist, arrived in Yokohama on Wednesday, and after giving two concerts in Japan, will leave for Shanghai, where he is due to arrive by the Empress of Australia on Sunday. American musical critics speak of Munz in terms of the highest praise. This gifted pianist is reported to have taken by storm his audiences in the United States with his brilliancy of technique and keen powers of interpretation, and Shanghai music-lovers are promised a genuine musical treat.

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According to reports in southern papers, a large secret mint is in operation in Kau Kong village, of the Namhoi district, Kwangtung. It is said that the mint employs over 100 workers and its owners are alleged to have made a profit of over $100,000 so far. The mint has two big machines that turn out a considerable amount of silver coins daily.

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Mr. George Coutts, a veteran of the exchange market in Shanghai, is in Peking on a short visit.

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Mr. H. H. Fox, C. M. G., Commercial Counsellor of H. B. M. Legation, Peking, and Mrs. Fox, are proceeding on six months' furlough to England at the end of this month.

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Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo is quite seriously sick. His temperature reached 104 degrees on Monday.

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On account of the house rents inside Peking city rising higher and higher every day, many people are removing to the suburbs.

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A Canton paper says two lakhs of dollars have been raised to pay the Hunanese troops' travelling expenses from Canton to the East River front. Railway rates must be terribly high these days.

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"Most Chinese soldiers fight best when their pockets are empty," says the Canton Gazette. That being the case, Dr. Sun's troops should soon wipe the opposition out.

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A Hongkong Telegraph correspondent was made to refer the other day to "gorilla warfare." The educated compositor must have been monkeying around.

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The authorities of the President's Palace in Peking have replied to the request that Mr. Rabindranath Tagore be permitted to live in the Pei Hai during his stay in Peking. The reason given for not housing the Indian philosopher in the Tsing Hsin Chai, of the North Lake palace grounds, is that the spot has not been opened to the general public, and hence there might be considerable inconvenience caused by giving permission to a foreigner to live there.

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Referring to the Reading-Simpson case, the Central China Post says: As long as the Bolshevists keep on declaring it would give them pleasure to shoot every person who has a banking account, or wears clean linen, we consider they should be sent to Jerico, by all men of principle."

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Mr. D. C. Baker of Taianfu is in town attending the meeting of the Advisory Council of the China Christian Educational Association.

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Dr. Li Tien-lu, Dean of the Shantung Christian University is in Shanghai attending the meeting of the Advisory Council of the China Christian Educational Association.

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The case of Ling Mai-sung, the young Chinese who hanged himself in the detention cells at Central Station Wednesday afternoon, was mentioned in the Mixed Court yesterday. Police testimony was to the effect that aside from the four raincoats the accused had been charged with stealing from Whiteaway, Laidlaw's on the day of his death he had stolen two coats previously, for which pawn tickets were found on his person. The Court held that the complainants would have to pay the pawn money in this instance.

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Two Chinese women charged with operating opium dens at 673 and 674 Fokien Road were fined $30, with the alternative of two weeks' imprisonment, by the Mixed Court yesterday, while 14 smokers were fined $2 each.

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A shop assistant who represented himself to be the sole proprietor of a shoe shop at 305 Foochow Road and gave that property as security for a defendant in a civil case, was fined $50 in the Mixed Court yesterday. Sub-Inspector McKenna testified that investigation showed the man to be merely an employe in the shop, with a salary of $9 a month. The real proprietor, it was shown, was in jail at the time in connection with a civil case.

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A coolie charged with pilfering cloth from the recently burned godowns at the corner of Museum and Soochow Roads, was given two weeks imprisonment in the Mixed Court yesterday. The accused declared that he had been given the cloth by a fireman of the Municipal department, but investigation showed that the fireman of the number specified was not out of the station at the time and a parade of men from Central Station failed to bring forth an identification.

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A Chinese fireman from a ship who landed at Chaoufoong Road jetty Wednesday night with 70 tins of opium was fined $50 in the Mixed Court yesterday, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment. He declared that he was given the drug by a passenger for delivery ashore.

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Silver coins of the 20-cent denomination are said to have been exported from Canton to Shanghai in large quantities recently, but the reason for this is not explained in the Canton paper from which the information is gleaned. Shipments of $500,000 by B. and S. Steamers are mentioned.

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Spiritual meetings will be held in Pantaokung, outside Hatamen for five days commencing from today. The military and police authorities have been asked to station forces to maintain order on those days.

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K. Kouverzien, an unemployed Russian, was fined $5 in the Mixed Court yesterday—with the alternative of 2 days in jail—for being drunk and disorderly on the North Szechuen Road Wednesday night.

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Fifty-six motor car and carriage cases came before the special Traffic Branch of the Mixed Court yesterday. The fines ranged from $2 to $20—the latter being a case of a chauffour who ran into a ricsha. The other cases were of minor nature and small fines were assessed.

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The Rev. James Yard will address the Sunday Service League on Sunday at 5 o'clock at Martyrs' Memorial Hall, 120 Szechuen Road. His subject will be "The Relation of Religion to Civilization." The meeting is open to the public.

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I'LL TAKE HIM TO OUR WARM IGLOO AND THEN CONTINUE MY SEARCH FOR GRUB!
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Baseball Meeting Tonight At The American Club

Annual Gathering To Convene At Six O'clock; Membership Campaign To Be Launched And Prospects For Season Canvassed

By Westa

The annual meeting of the Shanghai Amateur Baseball Club will be held this evening at the American Club, starting at six o'clock. President Fred McIntyre will be in the chair, with Herby Gallop near at hand to back him up in the event of trouble. Fred doesn't anticipate any trouble, but if any materialises he will simply move around to the other side of Herby, which strategy on his part will place the trouble makers so far from their objective that they will be practically helpless.

Herby will be there also, and will deliver the following address: "Well, fellers, it's nice to see you all here again and I hope you have all saved ten smackers to buy your membership tickets with. I thank you."

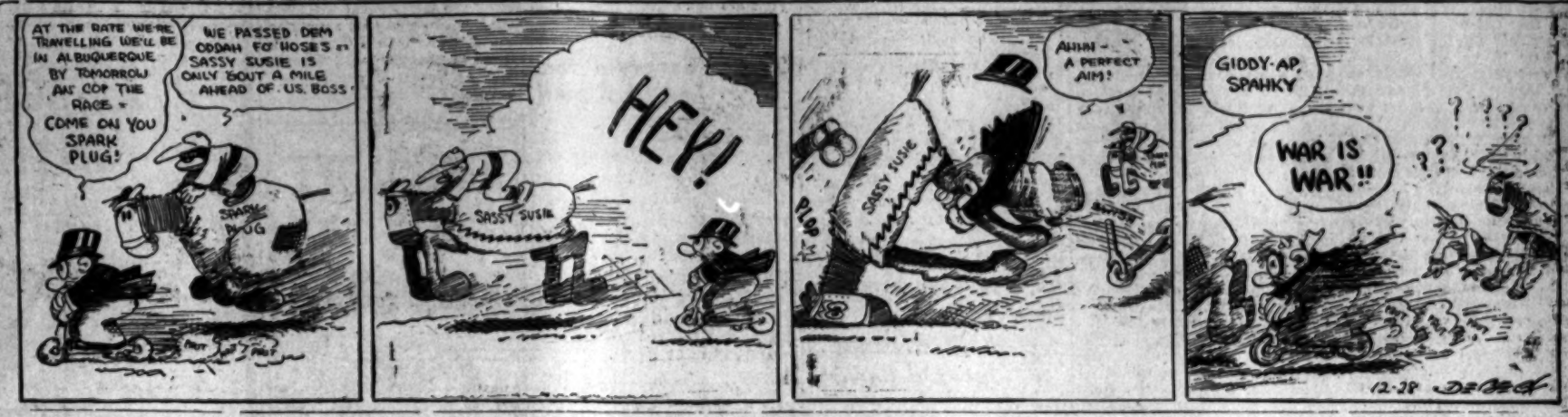
Jawn Scott, the twilight twirler, arrived in town from the States a few days ago and will be present this evening. Jawn also will make a speech, describing his trip home. Jawn sent advance copies of his address to all the newspapers yesterday. He will speak, in part, as follows:

"Ah hum, well, gentlemen, I can't say that there was anything at home that impressed me much, aside from the fact that practically everybody I saw in the streets was a foreigner. This didn't seem to strike the people at home as unusual, but that was because they had never lived out here in China. I suppose if they lived out here in China a few years and then went back they would be impressed by the large number of foreigners in the streets, just like I was. Well, I guess that's all I care to say, gentlemen. I thank you."

Fred and Herby and Harry Kingman and the others hope there will be a good turnout at the meeting this evening, as they are anxious to start the season with a lot of enthusiasm. The situation as to playing talent will be canvassed, and ways and means considered for financing the club. Manager Gallop hopes to bring some first class teams here this summer and is already in communication with managers in Japan, North China and the Philippines.

A vigorous campaign for members will be started immediately and as soon as the weather warms a bit practice will begin. Already a number of the boys have been warming up their arms at the Navy "Y" and by next week it is hoped that preliminary work can be started at the Race Course, although the stands and clubhouse will not be put up until next month.

BARNEY GOOGLE — By Billy De Beck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A sight unusual for China greeted the eyes of certain parents who went to the Shanghai American School recently. The occasion was the monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association.

As the members entered the school grounds they spied off in the distance a group of busy workers, attired, not in the coolie blue of China but in the waists and knickers of the American boy. Some of these busy ones were wielding hoes and shovels, making the dirt fairly fly. Others were filling pairs of Chinese baskets and with carrying sticks across their youthful shoulders were carrying away the dirt loosened by their brothers and spreading it elsewhere.

A few minutes later, at the meeting, one of the students addressed the parents at the request of the Recreation Committee. He told of the efforts the students were making to get the track and playing fields in condition for use this spring. They were working hard he said, but it looked like a big job.

Truly it did! Such a large undertaking that the meeting authorised the Recreation Committee of the Association to go out and raise $2,500 to provide funds for more labor and for the building of the parts of the recreation ground which needed it. The committee accepted the responsibility and will try to get the permission of the Board of Directors to organise a little drive for the amount named.

It ought not take much driving, the organisers feel, to raise that money in such a cause. The fields are now bumpy and useless. They are mud-holes for days after a rain. It is proposed to level the baseball field, sod the girls' hockey field and the quadrangle and to buy cinders for the track.

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The call was for six companies of the Corps—the Field Artillery Battery, the Engineers Co., the Machine Gun Co., the Maritime Co., "A" Co., British, and the Chinese Co.

The turn-out was exceptionally good, considering the fact that the call was sounded at 5.45 p.m., when most volunteers are on their way from office to home and hardly available. In spite of this fact, within a half-hour of the time that the call was sounded the volunteers could have sent out two full companies for work. Within another few minutes there were a full 300 men on hand and it was eloquently indicated by the number of telephone calls received from members of companies not called that in the event of an emergency there would be a huge mobilisation at the drill hall—where this mobilisation was called.

Sides Announced For Rugger Game

The Rugby Football season will end with a game on Saturday, April 12. Sides for tomorrow's game are as follows:

WHITES

C. S. Holdsworth, J. G. Shaw, A. G. P. Dewing, E. R. Duckitt, J. R. Milligan, L. B. King, J. King, S. A. Grew, J. R. Harder, G. H. Mann, W. Howells, H. K. Metcalf, G. R. Law, H. C. Pedersen, J. A. Thompson.

J. Huxley, G. F. H. Bichard, R. I. S. Webb, L. P. Ralph, C. W. Miller, W. D. Neil, F. J. W. Focken, J. C. Stewart, C. J. Bennet, R. E. L. Beardsworth, G. Buchannan, L. H. Thorn, J. D. Davies, R. M. Howells, L. S. Barff.

HAVE TEA WITH THE CROWD AT THE CHOCOLATE SHOP

WOMEN GOLFERS IN MANY EVENTS DURING MARCH

S'hai And Hungjao Teams To Play At Kiangwan Next Tuesday

The following are the results of the Competitions played at Shanghai and Kiangwan during March.

Club Cup (Shanghai) Mrs. C. Taylor 54-8-46 2nd. Tie between Mrs. J. S. S. Cooper and Mrs. Eldridge the former's score being 49-1-48, the latter 56-8-48.

The Bogey Competition which was played on the morning of the 26th, at Shanghai was won by Mrs. R. Wood. All Square. 2nd, Mrs. H. Bridges. 2 Down. The Bogey at Kiangwan was won by Mrs. Muriel 3 Down.

There were no returns for the Season Medal at Kiangwan.

The Committee's Cup played on the 25th, at Kiangwan was won by Mrs. D. Crawford.

The Challenge Cup which Commenced on March 17th, has now reached the semi-finals with Mrs. Muriel, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Sleap and Mrs. Enticknap.

The weather has not been too kind and the links have been very wet and heavy, but it is hoped it will soon take a turn. A match has been arranged on Tuesday the 8th, instant, at Kiangwan between teams representing the Shanghai and Hungjao Ladies Golf Clubs. Subsequent to the match the S.L.G.C. will entertain their guests to tiffin, and this opportunity has been taken for the presentation of the Open and Club Championship Cups.

Mr. R. G. MacDonald President of the Shanghai Golf Club has kindly consented to present the prizes.

Football

(Reuter's Service)

London, Apr. 2.—English League—First Division: Aston Villa 1, Blackburn Rovers 0; Liverpool 0, Arsenal 0; Middlesbrough 1, Manchester City 1; Newcastle United 3, Everton 1.

Scottish League—First Division: Hibernians 1, St. Mirren 1; Ayr United 2, Falkirk 0; Kilmarnock 1, Airdrieonians 2; Motherwell 2, Aberdeen 1.

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12.46	Oswald	Mrs. Oswald	9.26	de Berry	Downs
12.50	Downs	de Berry	9.30	Baillie	Clifton
12.54	Andrews	Terrell	9.34	Boyes	Dawson
12.58	Ortwin	Seth	9.38	Langley	Bungey
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1.06	West	Barrett	9.46	Harry	Hearne
1.10	Henderson	Maxted	9.50	Enticknap	Beath
1.15	Blackburn	Sadoine	9.54	Bunn	Davies
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1.22	Clifton	Pugh	10.02	Mennie	Barrett
1.26	Clay	Scarborough	10.06	Stafford	Mitchell
1.30	Atkinson	Ivy	10.10	Richards	Malcolm
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1.38	Robertson	Cooke	10.18	Lester	Arnold Woodford
1.42	Grundy	Himrod	10.22	Macfie	Kidd
1.46	Train	Mennie	10.26	Macphail	Burton Sayer
1.50	Standing	MacDonald	10.30	Cooke	Elliott
1.54	Elliott	Walters	10.34	Park	Gater
1.58	Perry	Merrill	10.38	Barrett	Hutchison
2.02	Pilcher	Miss Turner	10.42	Sadoine	Pilcher
2.06	Thomas	Belknap	10.46	Banham	Maughan
2.10	Bungey	Cousins	10.50	Openshaw	Sweet
2.14	Hay	Mackay	10.54	Muriel	Wheen
2.18	Forster	Morfey	10.58	Fitzroy Lloyd	Crosthwaite
2.22	Muriel	Reed	11.02	Sheridan	Torrey
2.26	Mitchell	Openshaw	11.30	Godby	Mrs. Fletcher
2.30	R. G. MacDonald		11.34	Bauckham	Mrs. Bauckham
2.34	Barrett	Hutchison			
2.38	Willson	Torrey			
2.42	Page	Lane			
2.46	Clay	Scarborough			
2.50	Garner	Wood			
2.54	Stafford	Keating			
2.58	Andersen	Reed			
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3.18	Glover	Smith			

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ST. JOHN'S QUINT BEATS SHANGHAI COLLEGE, 28 TO 25

Saints Take Final Game In Intercollegiate Series; Fuh Tan Champions

BY K. S. CHANG

The St. John's basketballers had a narrow win over the Shanghai College quintet yesterday afternoon on the latter's floor, the score being 28 to 25.

Yesterday's game marked the end of the East China Intercollegiate basketball championship series of 1923-1924 which proved to be the most bitterly fought series in the intercollegiate basketball history. Fuh Tan University, after a narrow victory over Shanghai College two weeks ago defeated the St. John's players last Saturday and again trimmed the Southeastern five last Monday, and is therefore the indisputable champion. St. John's, with the only defeat to Fuh Tan occupies the second place. Shanghai College is third, Southeastern fourth, and the order goes down thus: Nanking, Soochow, Nanyang, and Hangchow. Hangchow is the only school that forfeited all games. Nanyang, on the other hand, forfeited but one game, although it had a very weak team this year.

The game yesterday attracted a big crowd and was marked by fast and clean play. T. T. Yui, better known as "Donkey" Yui opened the score for the winners with a foul shot and then several shots were netted. So, the St. John's players soon led the score by 11 to 1. The Shanghai players then woke up, and soon evened the count. At the interval St. John's had 22 to Shanghai's 19.

The second half saw more furious play. The score went up in sea-saw style. Many fouls were called on the Shanghai players and the Saints made good use of them. The game ended only with a three point difference.

For the Johaneans, Yui and Chang, the two forwards, played in rare form. C. T. Zung was also good. P. T. Lee put up some splendid defensive work on the guard line, while Doong played well as running guard.

Henry Ling and T. T. Zee, who netted five goals each, starred for the home team. Ma was closely guarded by P. T. Lee and found himself incapable of scoring. The summaries:

St. John's 28: T. T. Yui l.f., F. C. Chang r.f., C. T. Zung c., R. Doong l.g., P. T. Lee r.g.

Shanghai College 25: Norman Ma l.f., Henry Ling r.f., T. T. Zee c., J. W. Yuen l.g., Wu Chou r.g.

Goals from floor: Ling and Zee 5, Chang 4, Yui 3, Zung and Doong 2, Ma 1.

Goals from Fouls: Yui 4, Ma 3, Chang 2, Ling 1. Referee: Hines, Umpire: Peabody, Scorer: Wong.

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	If you'll come back	Fox Trot.	Virginians
19267.	Why did I kiss that girl?	Fox Trot.	Whiteman's Orch.
	California, here I come	Fox Trot.	Whiteman's Orch.
19269.	Mindin' my business	Fox Trot.	Virginians
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	The maid on the green	Jigs	Patrick Touhey

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6423.	Ay—Ay—Ay	Song	Schipa
	Cancion Andaluza	Song	Schipa
6434.	Nabucco—Tu sul labbro de' yeggenti		Mardones
	Vespri Siciliani—O Tu Palermo!		Mardones
6438.	Etude in a minor	Piano	Paderewski
	Etude de Concert (in F minor)	Piano	Paderewski

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	My Way's Cloudy	Song	Marian Anderson
19261.	California here I come	Song	Geo. Price & Manhattan Merry Makers
	I'm Going South	Song	Geo. Price & Virginians
19262.	Mr. Radio Man	Song	Lewis James
	Watchin the Moon Rise	Song	Peerless Qt.
19268.	Daddy's Wonderful Pal.	Song	Henry Burr
	Day's of Yesterday	Song	Elliott Shaw
19228.	Call Me Back Again	Song	Peerless Qt.
	Norine Maureen	Song	Peerless Qt.
45387.	A Round up Lullaby	Song	Royal Dadmun
	Rounded up in Glory	Song	Royal Dadmun
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Peking And Moscow

The one clear point in the multitude of confusing dispatches from numerous sources regarding Peking's near-decision to recognise formally the Soviet Government at Moscow is that a hazy cloud hangs around the recent developments at the Waichiaopu and the President's Palace. That China is considering such recognition is certain; that China has arrived at a decision, one way or the other, is not. Or if, by any chance, China arrived at such a decision one day, then it seems the decision was reversed within 24 hours and the issue is still undefined.

It is difficult to believe that China would play her one trump card in advance and then depend upon Russia's voluntarily discarding the strong cards which she holds. Diplomacy seldom works along those lines. As we pointed out recently, there are five outstanding problems of major importance between Peking and Moscow: Diplomatic recognition with all which that implies in this particular and complicated instance; conclusion of a trade agreement or the arrangement of some means for the resumption of normal trade relations; the use or non-use of Chinese soil as a base for White Guard plots and guerilla raids against the Soviet; the withdrawal of Russian troops from Mongolia and the settlement of the future status of that nation, province or autonomous dependency, as the case may be; and the ownership, or rather, operation and management, of the Chinese Eastern Railway and the railway zone.

Under these headings are grouped subsidiary problems, such as navigation rights on the rivers of North Manchuria, the ownership of the old Tsarist Legation in Peking and other questions. Most important of all these subsidiary groups is that which comes under formal diplomatic recognition, or which, if China be wise, she make contingent upon such recognition. This group involves all of the pre-Soviet treaties and agreements between China and Russia, all the concessions and privileges granted by China or wrung from her by the former Petrograd (then St. Petersburg and now Leningrad) Government.

Five years ago all Russians in China enjoyed the rights of extraterritoriality. Russia had a system of posts and telegraphs throughout the Republic, there were Russian concessions in Tientsin and elsewhere, the Russian Government through a bank then controlled by it operated the Chinese Eastern Railway, and Russia enjoyed other privileges which she does not at present exert. In 1920 the Soviet formally renounced these rights; later, through she agency of M. Joffe, she stated that such renunciation had been conditional on China's recognition of Moscow and could not remain as a permanent standing offer. Although not put into words, there is no question but that Russia is ready to start bargaining with China from the basis of still possessing all these rights in principle if not in practice.

Taking into consideration the problems to be settled between the two Powers, China has but two pawns with which to trade. Formal recognition and China's interest in the strategic and economically important railway that crosses North Manchuria are all that Russia seeks from that nation. On the other hand, the Soviet has a number of points on which she might well yield to gain in other directions. Withdrawal from Mongolia, renunciation of extraterritoriality, the concessions—Russia undoubtedly holds the greater number of trump cards.

M. Karakhan, on behalf of his Government, has repeatedly refused to enter into negotiations with Peking unless such negotiations be preceded by formal diplomatic recognition. He would force Peking to discard its most important card before he began to play the game. China would no longer have anything to negotiate with, would no longer be a bargainer but would become a petitioner. If China recognise the Soviet without qualification or without previously having reached an agreement on other questions, such recognition can not but constitute China's acknowledgement that the present Soviet Government is legal heir to all the rights and privileges enjoyed in the Republic by the former Imperial Government of Petrograd.

Russia would have regained in China all that she has lost since 1917 and would have regained it without offering anything in return. If then, the Soviet wished to renounce extraterritoriality, to place the Chinese Eastern Railway on a status similar to that of the Shantung line, to refund the Boxer payments, she would be at liberty to do so, of course, but there would be no way in which China could force her hand. Such action would come as a voluntary gift from Moscow and would have to be humbly accepted as such by Peking.

It is because of this situation that the recent conversations and discussions between the Chinese Cabinet and President Tsao seem obscured in a hazy cloud. Surely, before they even consider granting formal recognition, they must have come to a tacit but binding understanding with M. Karakhan on some of those matters, have done their bargaining behind the scenes prior to the opening of a public conference. What that understanding may be is not known, it lies concealed by the cloud of secrecy that has not yet been penetrated by those whose object is to seek out the facts and report them to the world. Until more is known, it is idle to speculate as to whether China will recognise Russia next week, or the next, or the one after that. All that is certain is that China is willing to grant such recognition in return for certain concessions from Moscow; how near a successful agreement the two parties are at present only they themselves know.—Japan Advertiser.

Russo-Rumania Negotiatons Are Broken Off

(*Reuter's Service*)

Vienna, April. 2.—The Russo-Rumanian negotiations have been definitely broken off. The Rumanians have refused consent to taking a plebiscite to decide the position of Bessarabia.

Plan To Convert U.S. Battleships Into Oil Burners

(*Exclusive China Press*)

Washington, April 1.—Secretary of the Navy Wilbur today asked Congress for authority to convert the battleships Florida, Utah, Arkansas and Wyoming into oil burners and make other alterations including installation of an additional deck for torpedo and mine protection.

In requesting an appropriation to meet the estimated cost of $11,560,000, Secretary Wilbur said that the boilers of the four warships were in a deteriorated condition which forced reduction of their speed to 12 knots an hour.

Twelve Dead From Drinking 'Dry' Alcohol

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Toledo, April 3.—Police reports made today show that 12 deaths have occured during the past two days from drinkers who were not careful drinking denatured alcohol.

Chess Tourney In 12th Round

(*Reuter's American Service*)

New York, April 2.—In the twelfth roung of the international Chess Tournament today M. Reti defeated N. Bogoljubow, M. Maroczy drew with M. Tartakower and M. Capablanca drew with M. Alekhine.

Mr. Yates defeated Mr. Edward Lasker. The game between Dr. Lasker and M. Janowski was adjourned after 62 moves.

Korniloff Movies To Be Shown Today

Moving pictures of Ivan Korniloff, the Russian bandit under death sentence in Harbin, which have been banned by the Municipal Police until they have had an opportunity of seeing them, will be shown at the Princess Theater this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The showing is for police and members of the press and it is expected that a decision as to whether or not they can be shown in Shanghai will be made after the 'rehearsal' performance.

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TWELVE HUNDRED IMPERILED BY FIRE AT SEA

Ship Abandoned Off Port Sudan Blazing Fiercely

(Reuter's Service)

London, April 2.—Twelve hundred pilgrims for Jeddah are on board the burning British steamer Francestan, from Bombay, which is making for Port Sudan, where she is due at daybreak tomorrow, she is accompanied by the Clan MacIver, while the steamer Pangistan is proceeding from Port Sudan immediately to render assistence.

The Francestan first wirelessed stating that a cargo of cotton was on fire in the tween-deck in No. 2 Hold, that the weather was calm and that there was no immediate danger. Later the vessel wirelessed that the fire was spreading and becoming serious and that the crew were making every effort to control the outbreak.

Later.—A despatch from Port Sudan states that the captain of the Francestan reports that the situation is now very serious and that it may be necessary to abandon ship.

(Reuter's Service)

Alexandria, April 3.—A wireless message has been received from the steamer, Clan MacIver stating that the steamer, Frangestan, which is on fire, has been abandoned and is sinking. The Clan MacIver is bringing all hands to Port Said.

(Reuter's Service)

Port Sudan, April 2.—The Captain of the steamer Frangestan reports by wireless that the fore end of the steamer is fiercely ablaze. All passengers have been transferred to the steamer Clan MacIver. The crew have been ordered to abandon ship.

Fines Are Imposed On Tobacco Dealers For Selling Of Cigars

Five tobacco shop proprietors appeared in the Mixed Court yesterday charged with selling locally—made cigars from boxes put out by Walter Olsen and Co., of Manila. The case was prosecuted by Mr. Sidney Moss and four of the Chinese were fined $25 each, the fifth—who stated that he kept a fish shop and only sold cigars as a side line—was fined $10, by Assessor Jacobs and Magistrate Kwan.

FAMOUS PIANIST SOON TO APPEAR IN CONCERT HERE

Mieczyslaw Munz, the phenomenal pianist, who has had tremendous success in the United States, was due to arrive in Yokohama on the April 2 by the Empress of Australia, and he will come direct to Shanghai to give two concerts here. After the two concerts in Shanghai he is leaving immediately for Japan, where he will give 15 concerts. He will play 5 concerts in succession in Tokio.

Mr. Strok has received a letter from one of the greatest managers in the United States, a paragraph of which is as follows:

"I am, as you know, seldom enthusiastic about an artist but when I am he is usually worthy of my confidence and I can assure you that no matter how extravagantly you advertise Mr. Munz as a great and leading pianist he will live up to your claims. Therefore do not hesitate to present him in the biggest way possible because, as you know, he has been compared throughout the United States to Paderewski, Rachmaninoff and Hofmann."

The first program has been arranged as a variety program, and the second will be all Chopin, in which will be included the Sonata with the Funeral March.

British Women's Association

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held at Headquarters last Wednesday, Mrs. E. M. Gull and Mrs. O. M. Green were unanimously re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the British Women's Association.

The following new members have joined since the last announcement:

Mrs. E. B. Carr.
Miss E. H. Banner.
Miss Bath.
Mrs. M. Dillon.
Mrs. A. Habecost.
Mrs. F. Hinds.
Mrs. A. McKelvie.

A NEW SECTION

With a view to getting into touch with every member of the Association, it has been decided to add yet another section to those already so successfully established under the auspices of the B.W.A.

This will be known as the Recreation Section and will be run on the same lines as the other sections except that there will be no subscription to pay and any member who wishes to join may do so.

The function of this Section is to provide two evening and two afternoon entertainments at Headquarters each month—these will include progressive Bridge and Mah-Jongh drives for prizes, cinderella and tea dances as well as musical and dramatic programs—these entertainments will be free and refreshments will be provided by the Section. Next week the Section hopes to provide the tea room with four card tables complete with cards and markers for Bridge as well as four Mah-Jongh sets and racks for the use of members at any time.

Will those members who have any helpful suggestions to make regarding this Section kindly communicate with Mrs. A. K. Craddock, 76 Route de Say Zoong, as soon as possible.

GARDENING SECTION

By the courtesy of the Committee, the early Spring Flower Show will be held at the Country Club on Wednesday the 16th of April from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. and the Musical Section has kindly consented to give a concert program during the afternoon.

The fifty cents charged for admission will include tea and after all expenses have been deducted, the proceeds will be used towards furnishing a bedroom in the B.W.A. Headquarters as soon as the work of reconstruction is completed.

An extra competition has been added to those already advertised for the Flower Show, the particulars of which are as follows:

"For the most artistic basket, bowl or vase of spring flowers, for which the flowers may be purchased."

Members are advised that, in preparation for the Spring show, a meeting will be held today at Mrs. Craddock's house, 76 Route de Say Zoong.

The meeting will commence at 4 p.m. and Mr. McGregor has kindly consented to give helpful information regarding the many different varieties of spring flowering bulbs.

WANTED A PIANO

Should any member going home on leave wish to store their piano, the British Women's Association would be glad to keep it at Headquarters and to take every care of it during their absence.

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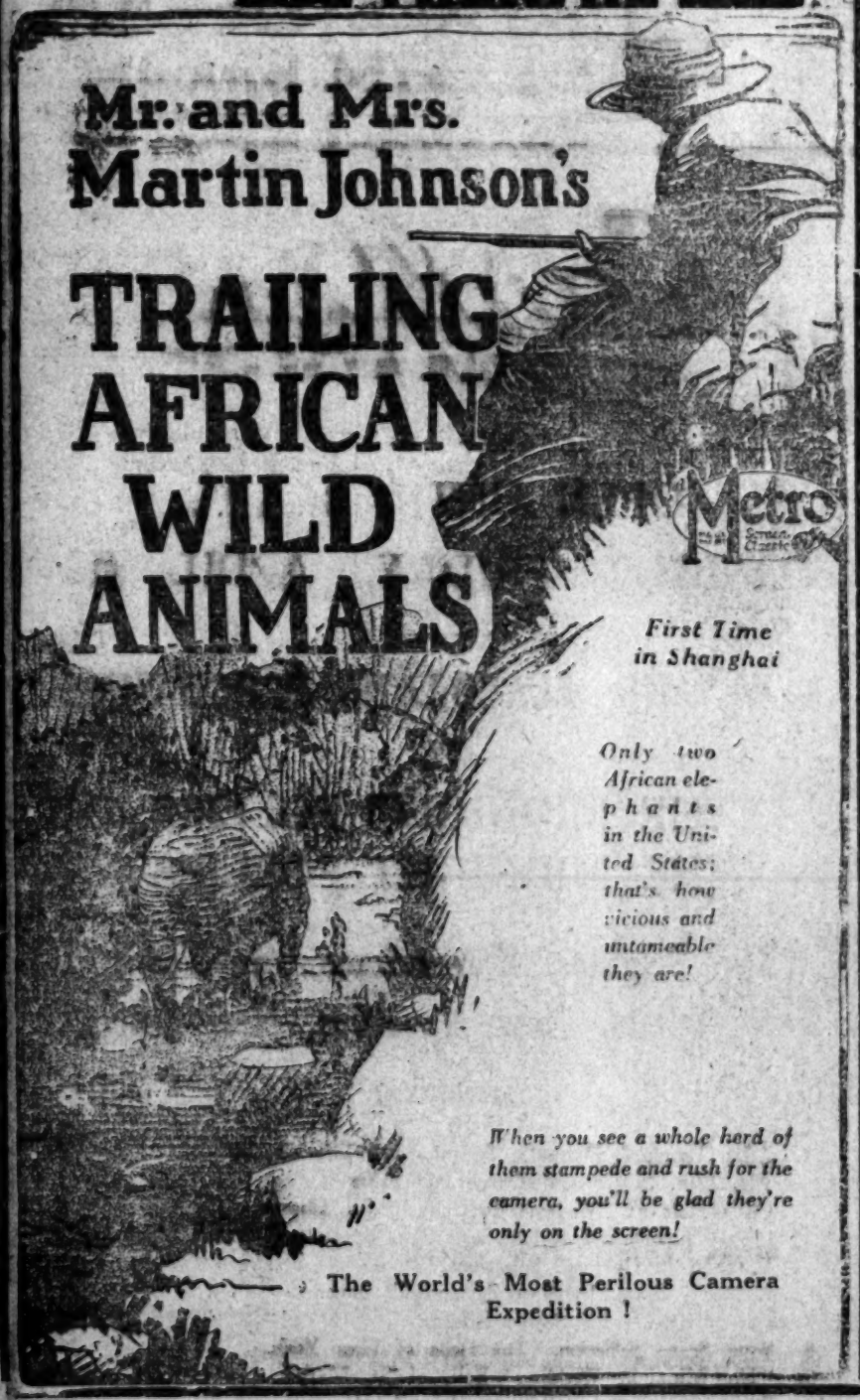

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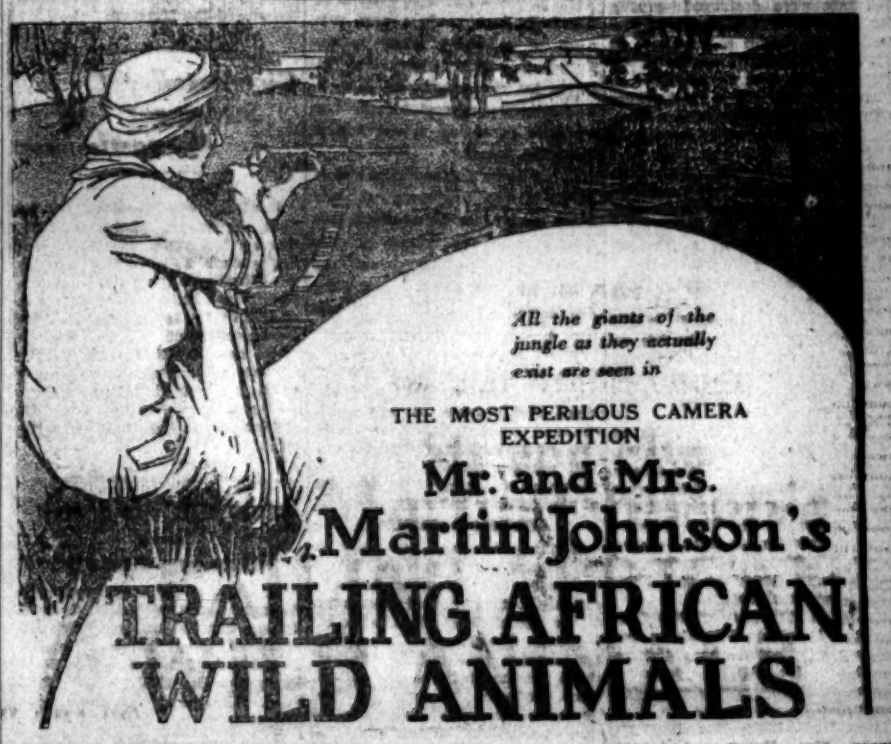

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EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS IN WUHU CROWDED

Other News Notes From The Yangtze Port

(China Press Correspondence)

Wuhu, March 28.—The chief interest to the church community during the past two weeks has been the evangelistic meetings held in the Hunan Guild Club House by Mr. C. N. Lack of the China Inland Mission in Honan. The meetings had no lantern slides, bands or other methods to attract attention, but were nevertheless crowded daily. The speaker was filled with great power, and held the attention of the crowds by a message given in simple and direct Chinese. Over a thousand men, women and children signed the inquirers' cards and remained for the after meetings leading to many of them being taken into the various churches. All the churches in Wuhu co-operated in these very successful meetings.

Large fires have recently occurred in Wuhu about the same time some very severe fires have happened in Chinkiang. In one of these Wuhu fires over two hundred huts were destroyed—mostly the huts of famine refugees who came into Wuhu a number of years ago from the north. They say the fire was started by a Chinese cook stove, but others think it was a party of gamblers.

Mr. Geo. Campbell of the Standard Oil Co. has just left for America on furlough. There, he expects to join his wife and two children, who returned to America eight months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lawson have returned to Wuhu after a year's furlough in England. Their infant daughter, Joan, aged 5½ months, born in England, is the first baby to brighten the life on Butterfield and Swire's hulk for many years. The river men claim that this is the best equipped hulk on the river.

Mrs. Charles Wortley, wife of Capt. Wortley of Jardine, Matheson's and Mrs. L. L. Hale of the Methodist Mission joined the party of ninety foreigners who chartered two coaches on the Blue Express from Pukow for a sight seeing trip to Peking. A number of people from Shanghai and Nanking joined the party.

Dr. C. S. Trimmer of the University Hospital of Nanking has just returned home after a visit to the hospital at Wuhu where he has relieved the port doctor for several days.

Rev. L. L. Hale, Rev. Paul G. Hayes, Mrs. Hayes and infant daughter, and Dr. F. P. Gaunt have been in Nanking for several days attending meetings of the Finance Committee of the Central China Conference of the Methodist Church.

Municipal Staff Changes

Fire Brigade.—Long leave is granted to Station Officer S. M. Vincent and Assistant Station Officer L. Heap from April 21, 1924.

The resignation of Sub-Officer D. L. Cameron is accepted with effect from February 29, 1924.

Mr. G. Fitilega is appointed Sub-Officer on three months' probation from February 15, 1924.

Police Force.—Long leave is granted to Sergeant N. Harrison and Sub-Inspector J. G. Adams from April 12 and 15 respectively.

Messrs. N. A. Makaroff and N. P. Parshekoff are appointed temporary Constables from March 24.

Public Health Department.—Mr. H. Rose is appointed Sanitary Overseer on three months' probation from April 1, 1924.

Public Works Department.—Mr. A. Kliene is appointed Clerical Assistant on three months' probation from April 1, 1924.

Public School for Girls.—Long leave is granted to Miss A. A. Samson, Assistant Mistress, from April 25, 1923.

Deny Sarraut Will Replace Claudel In Tokio

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Tokio, April 1.—The denial of the report that M. Claudel, the French Ambassador to Japan, would be replaced by M. Sarraut created a mild furore among the intelligentsia of Japan, resulting in the faculties of the principal Japanese universities, societies of fine arts and intellectual clubs sending an eulogistic cable to Le Matin, saying that they were relieved to learn that the report was unfounded and that the departure of M. Claudel would have been resented because he had augmented Franco-Japanese friendship and was Japan's friend.

Before the report was discredited, many protest meetings were held.

U. S. Government Will Stay In Shipping Game

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Washington, April 3.—The United States Shipping Board today issued an anouncement that inasmuch as they had been unable to induce private capital to purchase the surplus ships constructed by the United States and operate them the Government would operate them until such time as private capital purchased the ships and operated them as independent companies.

Germany In Reply Asks League To Take Charge

(Continued from Page 1)

of Experts will submit on Friday or Saturday to the Reparations Commission their reports which will be immediately communicated to the press.

The administration of the railways in the occupied territories in the Ruhr have made a new payment of 30,000,000 francs to the French Treasury from the receipts for the month of March. The deliveries of coal for the last ten days in March were valued 24,000,000 francs.

M. Le Trocquer, the Minister of Public Works, who went to the Ruhr, arrived in Duesseldorf this morning. He will travel in the Rhine-Westphalia territory in order to inspect the occupied zone. The newspapers believe that he will give the French representative precise instructions to show the Germans the advantages to be derived from goodwill. In the event of a renewal of passive resistance the Government, in agreement with the Belgian Government, will adopt measures of a nature calculated to change the attitude of the German industrials.

GERMAN REPLY

Germany has sent her reply to the Note of the Conference of Ambassadors. She demands that the military control should from now on be exercised by the League of Nations. She refuses to agree that the enquiry to ascertain whether the Reich has fulfilled the obligations imposed on her by the Treaty be made by the Commission of Control. The Government note that the Allies are not disposed any longer to carry out the control except with reference to the five points specified by the Conference of Ambassadors, and propose that the task of control be entrusted to an organ which will guarantee, by its composition, that the last phase of control will proceed in a peaceful atmosphere of negotiation. The Note has been submitted to the examination of the Conference of Ambassadors. The newspapers emphasise that the Note manifests a desire to avoid all control before the German elections.

(Reuter's Service)

Paris, April 2.—M. Poincare's reply to interpellations on the Government's policy in the Chamber of Deputies today was interrupted owing to a violent scene, which necessitated a temporary suspension of the sitting.

The trouble arose on a supplementary remark to M. Poincare's speech by the Minister for War, M. Maginot, as a result of which a Communist, after calling M. Maginot "infamous scoundrel" and "blackguard," was only prevented from assaulting him by the intervention of the ushers.

The Prime Minister declared that the choice of new Members of the Cabinet did not signify a change in foreign and home policy. He reiterated his well-known views regarding the French hold on the Ruhr until satisfaction was accorded. M. Poincare declared that the receipts from the Ruhr last year exceeded expenditure by 658,000,000 francs and estimated that the net surplus in 1924 would be 3,000,000,000 francs. He emphasised the necessity of united will and perseverance on the part of all Allies in carrying out the Reparations Expert Committee's decisions, but in any event France would not waver in her determination.

The concluding statement was greeted with prolonged cheers.

The Chamber then adjourned.

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Official Denial Is Made Of Report Of Chihli-Fengtien Peace

(Special to The China Press)

Mukden, April 1.—An order was issued today by Marshal Chang Tso-lin, disbanding all of the army laborers attached to the Engineering Corps, which released five thousand men from the army, whose future livelihood has been provided for in industrial and commercial enterprises.

The reports that there is planned a peace conference between Chihli and Fengtien on April 15 has been officially denied. Marshal Chang has not discussed peace terms with any of the numerous official and selfappointed agents from Peking.

The air mail service between this city and Dairen was successfully inaugurated today when the first plane carrying postal matters from here reached the port at 11.50 o'clock in the morning. The service is under the directorship of General Chang Hsueh-liang, the son of the Marshal.

Give Details Of Settlement Of Newcastle Issue

(Reuter's Service)

London, Apr. 2.—Letters have been exchanged between Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and the United States Ambassador with regard to the Newcastle Consulate incident. The Prime Minister says that, after further consideration, 'the Government are not prepared to insist upon the charge against the Consuls of exceeding their authority, and it is therefore recalled.

The Ambassador notifies Mr. Macdonald of the new appointment.

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Leviathan Is Fastest Boat On The Seas

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Brussels, April 3.—At the Atlantic Shipping Conference here today it was announced that the Leviathan was the fastest ocean greyhound in the high seas. Last year the Leviathan averaged 23.57 knots. The Mauretania was second at 23.51 knots.

Army And Air Force Bill Passes Third Reading

(Reuter's Service)

London, April 3.—The House of Commons after an all-night sitting passed the third reading of the Army and Air Force Bill. The bill was not amended. There were lengthy debates on the questions of abolition of the death penalty in the Army and the use of troops in trade disputes, etc., but all the amendments were rejected. The Government promised to ask the Army Council to inquire into the whole question of the death penalty and to report to the Cabinet.

EMPRESS WILL TAKE OUT NEXT AMERICAN MAIL

Following the sailing yesterday evening of the Admiral-Oriental liner President McKinley the next mail for the United States and Canada will go on the Empress of Russia. The Empress liner is due from Hongkong on Saturday, docking at the China Merchants' lower wharf at 4 p.m. The liner is scheduled to leave Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. The President Garfield is due from Kobe on next Tuesday.

Obituary

MISS E. E. CLOUGH

(China Press Correspondence)

Chinkiang, April 2.—Miss E. E. Clough of the China Inland Mission died at her home in Yangchow on Saturday, after an illness of three weeks. Her remains were brought to Chinkiang and buried in the Foreign Cemetery. Rev. Orr of the China Inland Mission conducted the funeral at the grave, on Monday, April 7.

Miss Clough was fifty-six years old and had been working in China for thirty three years. At first she was in Shansi but she has been engaged in school work in Yangchow for the last twenty-seven years. The boarding school for girls of which, she had charge has about eighty boarders. Many of her friends accompanied the casket to its last resting place. Miss Clough's life was one of great usefulness and she will be greatly missed. She will live on through the lives of those who have been under her influence.

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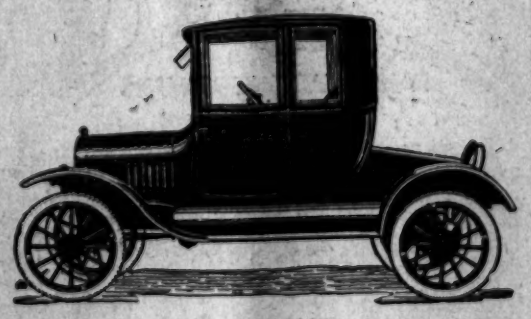

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SPORT NEWS OF THE WORLD IN PICTURES

HELEN WILLS AND GENE SARAZEN

Helen Wills and Gene Sarazen

Helen Wills, national woman's champion tennis player, and Gene Sarazen, famous professional golfer, agreed in San Francisco that next to their games they liked best to dance. These photographs, at left, show Miss Wills' grip on her tennis racket. At top she is ready to receive. In middle she shows her backhand stroke, and the bottom the forehand. At the right, top, Sarazen holds his club for the backswing, in the middle he illustrates the interlocking grip, and at the bottom he shows how he holds his club when addressing the ball on the toe.

美國女子中最著名之網球家韋立司女士與著名打球專家沙瑞之攝影圖中兩秀之攝影即女士發球時之姿勢云

NORMAN BROOKS

Norman Brooks

Norman Brooks, world-famous tennis player of a decade ago, partner of the great Anthony Wilding, who died in the World War, and several times world's champion singles player, intimates in a letter to the United States Lawn Tennis Association that, despite his age, he will captain the Australian team that will challenge for the Davis Cup in 1924.

閒名全球之網球專家屈文巴樂克司

WHEN A SWIMMER DIVES

Johnny Weismuller

Johnny Weismuller, of Chicago, world's champion swimmer, was snapped in a spectacular dive at Miami, Fla., where he is in training for the Summer season, during which he expects to smash many world records.

美國詩家谷游泳家拿斯瑪技術之精名于全球拿氏剛已着手練習將于夏間與人競賽云

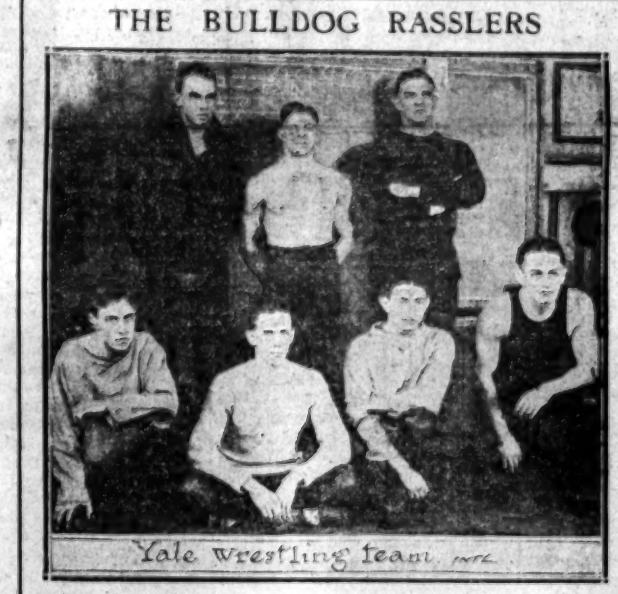
OLYMPIC TITLE HOLDERS

Olympic Title Holders

In the above photograph are Olympic title holders, members of the Women's Swimming Association, as they left New York City, for Miami, Fla., to participate in a six-day aquatic carnival. Standing, left to right, are Miss Charlotte Epstein, manager; Katherine Brown, Ethel McGarry, Adelaide Lambert, Doris McMara, Virginia Whitemack, Helen Wainwright and Mary Flynn, the latter the assistant manager. Front row, sitting, left to right, are Agnes Gerathy, Gertrude Ederle, Aileen Riggin and Helen Meany.

美國女子游泳會會員組辦參與夏令紀克運動會云

THE BULLDOG RASSLERS



Yale Wrestling Team

The Yale wrestling team, which has just defeated the University of Pennsylvania team by 18 to 3, is favored to win the intercollegiate title when the championships are held in New Haven in March. In the group above are Finlay, Winnick, Hogg, Winters, Roberts, Tuttle and Captain Batty.

美國耶魯大學角力隊新近擊敗本省凡尼亞大學隊係十八與三之比云

New Princeton Football Coach

Fred Dawson

Fred Dawson, for two years football coach of the University of Nebraska, it is reported, will become head coach at Princeton University, succeeding "Bill" Roper, who will retire to attend to his Councilmanic and legal work in Philadelphia. Dawson, a Princeton graduate, has turned out teams that have beaten Notre Dame two years in succession—something no one else can do. He is now a member of the Advisory Athletic Committee at Princeton.

美國普林斯登大學足球新領袖弗道陽生肖影

Will Score for U. S. in Olympic Games.

Gertrude Ederle

Gertrude Ederle, of New York, the world's greatest woman swimmer, is expected to score heavily for the United States in the swimming events in the Olympic Games at Paris this Summer. In a recent meet in Miami, Fla., she shattered four world's records.

世界著名女游泳家紐約愛第里女士為世界著名之女游泳家聞將參與巴黎夏令配克運動大會云

SPEED KING

Charles Paddock

Charles Paddock, one of the fastest men who ever donned a spiked shoe, has asked reinstatement in the American Amateur Union. If granted he will be a member of the American Olympic sprinting team. Paddock was suspended for taking part in an unauthorized meeting in Paris and for alleged irregularities in his 1920 expense accounts.

運動專家—百獵克

An Olympic Runner

John Watters

John ("Soapy") Watters, Harvard's star miler, is expected to be a member of the American Olympic team for the Paris games this Summer.

哈佛大學賽跑明星華德斯將于夏間參與巴黎夏令配克運動會云

A TRAPSHOOTER

W. S. Silkworth

W. S. Silkworth, of New York City, successfully defended the George H. Lyman Memorial Trophy at the Travers Island traps of the New York Athletic Club. He took the shoot with a card of 189 out of a possible 200.

紐約鮮克爭氏近在該處運動俱樂部內射擊一二百點之卡片聞竟中一百八十九點云

Shanghai Waterwork Company Annual Meeting

At the annual general meeting of the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.,—held this afternoon at the Company's offices—the Chairman, Mr. H. Martin Little, said:

Gentlemen,—I regret to say that Mr. Cubitt is unable to be with us today on account of illness. Mr. Mackie has recently resigned from the Board on leaving for Hongkong and we have invited Mr. F. R. Scott, of Messrs. Mackenzie and Co., Ltd., to take his place. The Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1923, having been in your possession for some days, you will doubtless agree that they be taken as read.

As you will have seen the Directors recommend that the disposable balance, after the transfer of Tls. 40,000 from Equalisation of Dividend Fund, be dealt with as follows.

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When paying the Interim Dividend in July last we considered it desirable to point out to shareholders that our action in paying an Interim Dividend was not to be taken as an indication that the Final Dividend would be maintained at the same rate as that paid in respect of 1922. I regret to say our fears have been fully realised. As stated in the Directors' Report the two principal reasons for the unsatisfactory result of the year's working are (1) the fact that the Company is unable, at the rates fixed by the Agreement of 1905, to collect revenue commensurate with the increased cost of providing an efficient supply of water and (2) that the profit derived from the Fittings Department has been disappointing.

I will deal with the case of the Fittings Department first. In previous years we have derived a satisfactory profit from the sale and repair of water fittings but for the year under review the result has been disappointing. A careful investigation has since been made and we have come to the conclusion that the keen competition that has arisen in recent years has forced our prices too low; this setback we look upon as only temporary. The Fittings Department is a very valuable adjunct to the Company's business. I do not think I am wrong in saying that our turnover is larger than that of any other similar concern in China. We are, I think, popular with local architects; we have connections with the leading surveyors of sanitary ware and heating apparatus in Great Britain and the U. S. A. and we receive few complaints from our customers. There is, therefore, no reason so far as I can see why this department should not be worked at a satisfactory profit.

The increased cost of providing an efficient supply of water is due principally to the adoption of the most modern methods of purification of the water to which reference is made in the Summary of the Engineer-in-Chief and Manager's Report. It must be remembered, however, that but for this intensified treatment we should have had to buy more land for filter beds, reservoirs, etc. Moreover, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are supplying water of a far higher standard of bacteriological purity and clarity than before. Reference to this is made in the report of the Commissioner of Public Health for last year recently published. He says: "A systematic investigation extending over 14 months has shown that the processes employed at the Waterworks are capable of reducing the number of lactose-fermenting organism of the B. coli group to 10 per litre in all seasons of the year, and that with rare exceptions this standard has been maintained. It is a high standard and the quality of the supply is most creditable to the Waterworks authorities." Again in the Chemical Laboratory Report: "A progressive improvement in the clarity of the water supplied from the mains has been evident and the ordinary condition of the water during the latter part of the year was that of only very slight opacity and approaching clear brightness."

If you reflect upon the contaminated state of the Whangpoo river from which we draw our supply, I am sure you will agree that our staff is to be congratulated on this tribute.

We also had to pay a higher price for our coal in 1923 than in 1922 but I am happy to say that there is a small reduction in the contract price for the current year.

As you will have seen from the Accounts the total expenditure on Working Account has increased by Tls. 148,513.62 over that of the previous year, while the revenue from all sources in spite of the disappointing result of the Fittings Department has increased by Tls. 110,838.15. The profit from the sale of water shows an increase over that for 1922 but this is due in a considerable measure to the fact that we now charge extra agreement consumers by meter at an increased rate. To consumers residing within the Settlement and on roads under the control of the Council our charges are limited by the agreement with the Council of 1905. I believe I am correct in saying that practically all waterworks undertakings in Great Britain—I have no statistics from other countries—have been permitted during the last few years to increase their rates, in many cases by 50 per cent, and the French Municipal Council has recently sanctioned an increase in the rate charged by the French Waterworks undertaking from seven and a half candareens per cubic meter to Eight and three-quarter candareens per cubic meter (with abolition of the meter rent) that is to say from 47.4 dollar cents per 1,000 gallons to 54.3 dollar cents per 1,000 gallons. The former rate was already higher than our meter rate. The French Waterworks undertaking charges for the supply for all purposes domestic and non-domestic by meter. The mere fact that negotiations have taken place is an admission on the part of the Council that modification of the Agreement of 1905 has been called for, yet no increase in rates, although asked for, has been sanctioned.

Turning to Profit and Loss Account, you will see that interest is Tls. 22,289.23 and depreciation Tls. 5,575.53 higher than the preceding year. These increases are inevitable with the growth of capital expenditure. We have been accused of lack of foresight in embarking upon the large capital expenditure of the last few years without previously obtaining the Council's sanction of increased rates. Gentlemen, the Municipal Council is a body of men of high standing in the commercial world; could it have been anticipated that some six years would elapse without their being able to come to a decision in regard to our relations with them?

As pointed out in our last letter to the Council dated February 22 this year, our policy has been to spare no expense in keeping up and enhancing the efficiency of the undertaking in the interests of the community and beyond what is strictly called for in the Agreement of 1905, basing our trust on the assurances and fairmindedness of succeeding Councils that the Company would receive such treatment as would compensate shareholders for the protracted delay in the negotiations. We fully realise the unfortunate position in which many of our shareholders are placed by the diminution of the dividends paid by The Company and by the consequent fall in the market value of shares. We have received letters from some of them, one a retired missionary writes that nearly 20 years ago he bought shares at over Tls. 400 per share as he was led to believe that the Shanghai Waterworks Company was a perfectly sound security and that he could rely on a steady 5 percent on his capital but that the small sum now received causes much distress; he expresses the hope that we shall soon find the Municipal Council more just and reasonable; another, at one time the head of one of the oldest firms in the Far East writes that many shareholders are persons of very limited means and a few are solely dependent on the dividends for their income and that the reduction in dividends and the delay in declaring them have been productive of great hardship and anxiety. Our shareholders are, I think without exception residents and ex-residents of the Far East and their descendants. Gentlemen, I say without fear of contradiction that the treatment we have received from the Municipal Council is a stigma upon the fair fame of Shanghai which those ex-residents did so much to create.

I do not think the accounts call for further comment and I will therefore proceed to consideration of the proposed purchase of the Company's undertaking by the Council. I hope you have all read the record of the negotiations during the last two years which accompanied the Annual Report and Accounts. You will have seen that after consultation with a leading firm of Chartered Accountants in London we decided to base our price upon the value of the property and plant at the date of purchase. Accordingly a valuation was made by the Company's engineers assisted when required by expert advice, and we informed the Council that we were prepared to recommend the shareholders to sell the Company's "business and undertaking etc." for the sum of Tls. 14,947,750 subject to certain conditions which are set forth in our letter to the Council of April 13, 1923, to which would have to be added further capital expenditure up to the date of purchase. We reserved the right to amend this price in the event of the Council being unable to agree and deciding to submit the matter to arbitration. At the Ratepayers' meeting held on April 19 last year a resolution was passed authorising the Council to purchase, with an amendment whereby the Council should not exercise the authority until it should have further examined the financial considerations involved and should have taken the directions of a further meeting of ratepayers whether or not there should be a quorum of ratepayers present. The Council has since informed us that it is advised that it cannot exercise the power to purchase except with the authority of a special meeting of ratepayers at which a quorum is present, and that it may therefore be necessary to lay the whole matter *de novo* before the ratepayers at their next annual meeting.

I may point out that if the Council is unable to agree to the price named by us and decides to submit the matter to arbitration, it must, under the terms of our agreement, first give one year's notice to purchase and then, having given that notice, it must purchase whatever the result of the arbitration may be.

In September, last year, it was intimated that in the Council's opinion the price to be paid should be based upon an agreed number of years' purchase of the net maintainable profits. We therefore decided to consult the best possible Counsel in England on the question and we obtained the opinions of the Right Hon. Sir John Simon, K.C. M.P., and Mr. G. J. Talbot, K.C., now Mr. Justice Talbot. Both Counsel supported our contentions. I had an interview with the Chairman of the Council and acquainted him with this and on December 12 we advised the Council in writing. We also drew attention to a decision of the Supreme Court of the U. S. A. last year that the value of a public utility undertaking is properly measured by the cost of its reproduction, or more elaborately, the cost of construction today at prevailing prices of material and labor. Yet the Council in its letter of January 18 this year asks the Company to accept a price based upon 15.3846 year's purchase of the profits earned during the year 1922—less than Tls. 80,000,000—a view to avoiding "what may possibly develop into a long and costly arbitration."

Time does not permit of my going into all the arguments in support of our price nor in view of the possibility of arbitration is it desirable. Suffice it to say that the Council by this offer seeks to gain possession of the Company's undertaking at its highest state of efficiency at a price based upon the year in which the return on capital expended was at its lowest. The basis of maintainable profits is in itself manifestly unfair; the Company's profits have been limited by its agreement with the Council. The Council seeks to regard these profits as the net maintainable profits, it ignores the potential profit earning capacity of the undertaking, for, if the Council purchases, it will be the sole arbiter of the rates to be charged and I think there is very little doubt that purchase will be followed by an immediate increase in water rates.

We have refused the Council's offer, indeed, I find it difficult to believe that such a price could have been offered by a set of business men unless when they enter the Council room they get their ideas warped by the bureaucratic atmosphere tinged with an oriental influence and thus offer as is customary in the East at least half of what they are prepared to pay.

Well, Gentlemen, I am sure that the views of ratepayers are that an individual or a company should have a square deal. For six weary years we have been negotiating with succeeding Council and while nearing agreement at times, you have only to refer to former speeches of the Chairman of this Company, the Council again and again changes its ground, and I cannot help feeling that the Company has not been treated fairly.

In our letter to the Council of February 22, we suggested a profit sharing arrangement in lieu of purchase, whereby the Council should participate in the profits earned after paying interest at an agreed rate upon the capital cost of the concern, the Company in return being authorised to base its charges upon a meter tariff. An arrangement of this sort has been adopted in Alexandria (Egypt) and has much to commend it. We have this week received a preliminary reply from the Council in which no reference is made to purchase but it is stated that the Council is giving particular attention to this suggestion of the Company.

I am afraid I cannot at present give you further information, but there are certain principles put forward in the letter which we may not see our way to fall in with. The letter is couched in friendly terms and welcomes discussion on points open to difference of opinion and is a very great advance on previous communications. If we may take this as a forerunner of a new atmosphere in the Council's deliberations and as a token that they are now prepared to recognize the just claims of the Company, well, then, Gentlemen, I think there is a very good hope indeed that this will really be the last time that your Chairman will have to make any reference to protracted negotiation and the next time he addresses you, our differences with the Council will have been amicably and fairly settled to the satisfaction of both parties and the Company on a fair way to the prosperity it has so long been debarred from.

Before sitting down I should like on behalf of the directors to bear testimony to the satisfactory manner in which the staff of the Company has carried out the work entrusted to it during the year.

Coal Market

Messrs. Wheelock and Co. state in their current coal market report:

Japan Coal:—There is little or no change to report in this market since last writing and no new business worth mentioning has been done at the same time the market keeps steady whilst arrivals and deliveries are normal.

Fushun Coal:—No change.

Fuchung Anthracite:—Stocks light, prices firm, demand steady.

Kaiping Coal:—Deliveries are somewhat restricted owing to low water in the creeks and the country districts adjacent to Shanghai, otherwise deliveries would be on a fairly large scale. The demand for the better grade coal is quite good, but inferior grades remain somewhat easy.

Advancing Troops Menace Chungking

(Eastern News Agency)

Hankow, April 1.—Advices from Chungking report that the troops under the command of Hsiung Ku-wu and Tan Mo-hsin have advanced to a point 40 li from Chungking and that Chungking is now in a dangerous position.

Wang To Report On Conference With Chang Tso-ling

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Mar. 31.—According to Chinese reports Dr. C. C. Wang, President of the Chinese Eastern Railway, will arrive in Peking this evening or tomorrow morning from Mukden, which he has just visited in response to an invitation from Marshal Chang Tso-lin to discuss affairs connected with the Chinese Eastern Railway. Dr. Wang will thus be in a position to inform the Central Government of Marshal Chang's views.

Chi Urges Huai River Conservancy Be Carried Out

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Mar. 31.—Marshal Chi Hsieh-yuan, Inspector-General of the three Yangtze Provinces has telegraphed to the Government urging it to lose no time in carrying out the necessary work on the Huai River Conservancy. A special meeting of the Cabinet will probably be called to discuss this matter.

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T F 10180

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66590 A 10

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66562 A 2

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66805 A 5

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66805 A 5

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66806 A 4

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66775 A 6

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66808 A 10

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66747

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66802 A 10

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66787 A 5

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66779 A 8

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66753 A 8

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T. F. 238.

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HOUSES TO LET

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T. F. 254

TO LET No. 435 Avenue Joffre 9 rooms, 4 Bath rooms, Garden, Garage, Hot-house, Central Heating, Enclosed Verandahs. Immediate occupation. Apply China Realty Company, Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, Telephone C. 865.
T. F. 255

TO LET Large residence in Western District close to tram line, with 3 living rooms, 6 bed rooms and 4 bath rooms; suitable for large family or Boarding house. Immediate occupation. For further particulars apply to the China Realty Company, Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, Telephone C. 865.
T. F. 256

TO LET. Corner house near French Park, 7 rooms, with usual servants' quarters and modern conveniences. $200 per month. Immediate occupation. Apply to China Realty Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, 1 Foochow Road. Tel. C. 865.
T. F. 263

VERY DESIRABLE furnished residence, 549 Avenue Foch, to let for 7 months from May 1st. Rent Tls. 150.00 per month. Three bedrooms and bathrooms; three sitting rooms, garage, etc. For particulars apply to F. W. Potter at the above address.
T. F. 270

No. 73 MacGregor Road, new 4 roomed house, with two attic rooms, 2 bathrooms, hot and cold waters and usual servants' quarters etc. Rent Tls. 65.00. Apply Brandt and Rodgers, Ltd., 123 Szechuen Road. Tel. C. 1119.
66549

SEMI-FOREIGN houses, Pao Shan Road. Rent Tls. 35.00. Apply Brandt and Rodgers, Ltd., No. 123 Szechuen Road. Tel. C. 1119.
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No. 9 Ward Road, 7 roomed house, Rent Tls. 75.00. Apply Brandt and Rodgers, Ltd., No. 123, Szechuen Road, Tel. C. 1119.
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No. 44 Wonglo Road, 7 roomed house. Further particulars apply Brandt and Rodgers, Ltd., No. 123 Szechuen Road, Tel. C. 1119.
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No. 13 Route Amiral Courbet, 4 rooms, with two attic rooms, modern bathrooms, hot and cold waters. Apply Brandt and Rodgers, Ltd., No. 123, Szechuen Road. Tel. C. 1119.
66553

No. 24c Tongshan Road, 6 roomed house with bathrooms, hot and cold water, etc. Apply Brandt and Rodgers, Ltd., No. 123 Szechuen Road. Tel. C. 1119.
66554

TO LET. Unfurnished foreign residence at No. 33 Seymour Road. For terms and particulars, please apply to the Wing On Co., Ltd.
66759 A 8

TO LET. No. 74D Yu Yuen Road. six rooms, two attics, three bathrooms, garage. Rent Tls. 125 per month. Furniture and fixtures may be taken over if desired. Address Box No. 1217, THE CHINA PRESS. or Tel. West 310.
T. F 264

TO LET, 4 roomed house, attic, garage, small garden, with all modern conveniences. Rue Lafayette, near French Park. Furniture and Fixtures must be taken over. Moderate price. House may be taken over on or before May 1st. Tel. West 2243, 12-2 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.
66705 A 6

TO LET, from April 1st, furnished or unfurnished, seven roomed foreign residence. Modern sanitation and conveniences, with garage and garden, on Kiangwan Road. Apply to Asia Realty Co., 15 Nanking Road, Tel. Central 8222.
No. 32

SUMMER RESORTS

TSINGTAO. For Hotel accommodations or private furnished houses, please apply to Box No. 1210, THE CHINA PRESS.
66486 A 22

VALLEY HOTEL, KULING. Private Hotel, American owned. Opening June 1st. Located near Russian Swimming pool and Tennis court. Terms moderate. For particualrs apply to Box 1109, THE CHINA PRESS.
66170 A 10

APARTMENTS TO LET

If you do not see what you want under this heading, put your own want ad in THE CHINA PRESS under "Apartments Wanted." Then take your pick of the apartments which are offered you.

UNFURNISHED flat to let, 45 North Szechuen Road. Ask Apollo Theatre.
66821

FLAT to be let, 4 Ezra Road, 3rd floor, occupation immediate. Apply to Box 794, THE CHINA PRESS.
T. F. 240

IDEAL APARTMENT, private bath (geyser). Real American Home cooking. Clean, quiet, cool. Absolutely no mosquitoes. Every convenience. Eighteen Quinsan Gardens.
66656

TO LET. Unfurnished flat or rooms, very central, suitable for offices or residence. Reasonable rental. Apply to Box 1260, THE CHINA PRESS.
66774 A 4

TO LET. A flat of four rooms, furnished, with extra large bedrooms, three bathrooms, kitchen, garden, garage, hot and cold water, best located. Apply to Box 211, THE CHINA PRESS.
66777 A 6

28 CARTER ROAD. To let, double room furnished, with bathroom attached, full board. Tel. West 1912.
66780 A 5

TO LET, four roomed apartments, with modern kitchen and bathroom and Southern verandah, in new fire-proof, steam heated apartment house. Five minutes' walk to Bund. Childrens play-ground, garage available. Apply to P. O. Box 526.
66713 A 6

TO LET, in a new modern building, furnished apartments for bachelors. Phone W. 3813.
66604 A 19

ROOM in modern building, best part of city, to let. Moderate rent which includes taxes, light and water. Apply to Box No. 1004, THE CHINA PRESS.
10156 M 30

APARTMENT two rooms, one bathroom and kitchen in two, near Bund. Tls. 120 per month inclusive light, water, taxes. Apply to Box 1121, THE CHINA PRESS.
10095 M 30

FURNISHED FLAT of two rooms, with bath and kitchen, in Western District. Modern conveniences. Quiet family. $.95, including light and taxes. Apply to Box No. 1065, THE CHINA PRESS
10077 M 30

AN ELEGANTLY furnished flat on Avenue du Roi Albert, with bath and separate kitchen, can be had with or without meals. Cheap rates for quiet person. Apply to Box No. 1066, THE CHINA PRESS.
10078 M 30

MODERN flat to let, Central district, immediate occupation, suitable for doctor or lawyer. Rental Tls. 200. Apply to Box 996, THE CHINA PRESS.
10157 M 30

LARGE flat to let in whole or by rooms, situated near Bund and Nanking Road, immediate occupation. Apply to Box No. 986, THE CHINA PRESS.
10174 M 30

FLAT to be let in September, Modern Building, Rental Tls. 200. Located in best quarter of the city. Apply to Box 978, THE CHINA PRESS
10159 M 30

FLAT to let as a whole or by rooms, furnished or otherwise. Apply to Box 990, THE CHINA
10172 M 30

96 Avenue du Roi Albert. Flats and/or rooms, fully furnished, with or without board. $90, with board for one. West 4071.
10173 M 30

FLAT to be let 1st September, building. Tls. 215. Apply to Box very centrally situated. Modern No. 998, THE CHINA PRESS.
10150 M 26

FLAT to let, Central location, near Nanking Road. Apply to Box 989, THE CHINA PRESS.
10171 M 30

FURNISHED ROOMS WANTED

YOUNG AMERICAN COUPLE desires room and board with private American family. Please apply to Box No. 215, THE CHINA PRESS.
66800 A 6

BACHELOR wants frontroom with bath and verandah. Only breakfast desired. By preference house where garden or land is attached. Apply to Box 214, THE CHINA PRESS.
66798 A 4

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET

If you do not see what you want under this heading, put your own want ad in THE CHINA PRESS under "Furnished Rooms Wanted." Gather in the replies and take your pick.

Connaught House
8 and 9 Quinsan Gardens
BOARD—RESIDENCE.

14 and 15 Quinsan Gardens
TO LET, with full board, large and small rooms, with bathrooms and verandahs attached. Telephone North 482.

BOSTONIA
61 Carter Road
Phone West 883
March 1st, one small room and one large one, each with private bath.

7 LOVE LANE, Bubbling Well Road. Vacant, large well furnished bedroom, with verandah and private bathroom. Good board. Reasonable rates. Tel. W. 2544.
66801 A 6

TO LET. Elegantly furnished rooms, with bathroom attached, with or without board. Apply 3 Young Allen Terrace. Tel. No. 3080.
66799 A 6

EIGHTEEN QUINSAN GARDENS. Beautifully furnished apartments and rooms. Private baths (geysers) throughout. Real American Home cooking. Clean, comfortable home.
66661

TO LET. Furnished rooms, verandah & bathroom attached, 19 Nanzing Road, near the market.
66791 A 10

TO LET, Central district, well furnished rooms, bathroon attached, with or without board. 19a North Szechuen Road. Tel. North 1848.
66767 A 8

TO LET, near Bubbling Well Road, one or two rooms, with verandah and bathroom attached, hot and cold water. Excellent home, good cooking, only five boarders accommodated. Garage and stabling if desired. Five minutes from trams, also attic to suit two persons. Apply 59 Seymour Road. Phone W. 3029.
66652

TO LET. Attic, 2 rooms, modern bathroom. Breakfast and garage optional. Edinburgh Road. Apply to Box 1255, THE CHINA PRESS.
66755 A 4

NEAR French Park, two nice rooms, facing South, both with separate and modern bath, can be let separate or together. First class service and French cooking. Quiet surroundings and near tram, garage. Just now vacant. special term for long period. 127 Route Vallon.
66765 A 4

103 SZECHUEN ROAD, corner Jinkee Road, large and small room, with full board, lift to 3rd floor.
66630 A 4

TO LET. Rooms on Carter Road, without board, furnished. $40 per month. Apply to Box 1228, THE CHINA PRESS.
T F 10181

OFF SEYMOUR ROAD, well furnished rooms with bath. With board, $90 per month. Apply to Box No. 1064, THE CHINA PRESS.
10076 M 30

A101, Avenue Road, near Gordon Road. New private boarding house, well furnished double and single rooms, with private bathroom, excellent food and service. Phone W. 3054.
62518
65913

TO LET, one furnished room and bath. Quinsan Road. $50. Apply to Box 992, THE CHINA PRESS.
10170 M 30

FURNISHED rooms to let, with bath, free light, taxes; Tls. 45-65, located close to Nanking Road and Bund. Board may be had by arrangement, with dining-room close by, at $50.00 a month. Apply to Box No. 976, THE CHINA PRESS.
10160 M 30

GODOWNS TO LET

GODOWN to let. Ching Tai Chong Co., No. 16-18 Dixwell Road.
66692 A 6

GODOWN. For Rent. Central location on Szechuen Road. First class ground floor godown space 2,000, 3,000 or 5,000 sq. ft., with sprinkler fire protection. Apply to Asia Realty Co., 15 Nanking Road, Central 8222.
No. 44

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

If you do not see what you want under this heading, put you own needs in print. The wise man makes his own opportunities. The other sort waits for them to come along.

MORTGAGES. We have several clients, who wish to invest money in good Mortgage from Tls. 10,000 up to Tls. 500,000. Send full particulars to the China Realty Co., Ltd., 1 Foochow Road.
T F 267

LONDON Agent seeks local connections, import, export. Apply to Box 1119, THE CHINA PRESS.
10093 M 30

ADVERTISER is prepared to entertain purchase of going real estate concern. Apply to Box 1117, THE CHINA PRESS.
10091 M 30

PERSONS looking for reliable agents abroad, please apply to Box 1120, THE CHINA PRESS, who will give full particulars.
10094 M 30

SHOPS TO LET

Nos. 14, 45 and 47 Corner Boone and Seward Roads. Further particulars apply Brandt and Rodgers. Ltd., No. 123 Szechuen Road. Tel. C. 1119.
66555

FOR RENT. Excellent shop space, 1200 to 2500 square feet, on Nanking Road. For terms and other particulars apply to Asia Realty Company, 15 Nanking Road, Central 8222.
No. 40

TO LET, shop in magnificent corner position. Best part Nanking Road. Available immediately. Area 875 square feet. Apply to Box 957, THE CHINA PRESS.
T. F. 251

LARGE SHOP, best part Nanking Road, may be available by end of year. Lessors prepared to discuss terms with prospective tenants. Apply to Box No. 980, THE CHINA PRESS.
10153 M 30

SHOP, close to Nanking Road, expected to be let by end of year. Rental moderate. Apply to Box No. 1001, THE CHINA PRESS.
10146 M 26

GROUND floor space to let, suitable for Barber Shop, rental Tls. 225. Very near Nanking Road and Bund. Apply to Box No. 1005, THE CHINA PRESS
10030 M 31

LARGE SHOP on Nanking Road, near Bund, available this fall, rental Tls. 750. Apply to Box No. 1007, THE CHINA PRESS.
10032 M 31

HOUSES WANTED

SIX-SEVEN rooms unfurnished house, with immediate occupation required. French Town or Western district preferred. Give full particulars, to Box No. 209, THE CHINA PRESS.
66768 A 6

EXCHANGE AND MART

FOR SALE: Just arrived, fresh Palestine almonds, 2½ lbs. for a dollar. Apply to Box No. 1031, THE CHINA PRESS.
10143 M 26

EXCHANGE AND MART

WRIGHT AND BELYEA. For House boats and Motor boats. Works Woosung. Telephone Central 1133.
T. F. 2

ONE Canteen, E. P. for twelve persons, almost new, any reasonable offer accepted. Owner leaving for home. Apply to Box 219, THE CHINA PRESS.
66820 A 6

FOR ANKING cross stitch in color, Ichang blue work, applique bed spreads and braided rugs, superior Swatow embroidery, exclusive designs and best workmanship go to 713 Dixwell Road. Tuesday and Friday mornings or by appointment, phone North 1863.
66807

FOR SALE. Linen for embroidery or household use to be sold cheap. Apply soon to Box No. 1267, THE CHINA PRESS.
10185 A 30

RADIO APPARATUS. For sale, detector and three stage audio receiver with honeycomb 16 coils high tension batteries and phones. World's high power stations easily received. Price $375. French 2 valve cabinet recr., radiofreevery and detector. Price $75. Single valve receiver, ideal for broadcast $100, received 3,000 miles. Condensers fones etc. Apply immediately Radio Steamship Shabonee, Standard Oil, Pootung Wharf, Launch at Customs Jetty, 7.30 or 11.30 a.m.)
66812 A 6

ACE MOTOR CYCLE with side car for sale. 20 H. P. 4 cylinders, speedometer, ameter, battery, seat for third person. Perfect condition and running order, just overhauled. Tls. 700 or nearest offer. Replies to Box 218, THE CHINA PRESS.
66814 A 6

FOR SALE. One Indian Scout motor cycle with brand new side car. Just been repainted. Price moderate. Apply to Box 1268, THE CHINA PRESS.
6681

SECONDHAND portable typewriter wanted, Remington preferred. State price to Box No. 1264, THE CHINA PRESS.
66790 A

WANTED TO BUY. Baby grand piano, must be in good condition. Reply, stating age, make, price, to Box No. 204. THE CHINA PRESS.
66746 A

FOR SALE: Furniture and fixtures, 123 Rue Massenet, May be seen between the hours 10 to
66763 A

NAPTHALINE BALLS, (British Cargo). 6 lbs. for Mex $1. Passey Trading Co. Fed. Inc. U.S.A., 29 Canton Road.
66619 A 10

FOR SALE. A second-hand reflex camera, 3½ by 4¼, with Cook's anastigmat lens F 4.5, one film pack adapter, five plate holders and one carrying case. The whole for $175.00. Apply Burr Photo Co., 5 Broadway.
10152 M 26

WANTED tenders for supply of cinder for private road. Apply to Box 1085, THE CHINA PRESS.
10083 M 26

FOR SALE, loose diamonds at very reasonable rates. Apply to Box 1089, THE CHINA PRESS.
10087, M 26

FOR SALE, Woollen suitings, suitable for spring, $6.00 per yard. Sample will be sent on application to Box No. 1029, THE CHINA PRESS.
10142 M 26

Details Are Important in the Want Ads

Make your want ads sell things. Be enthusiastic but don't misrepresent. Tell 'em the facts. You'll prevent disappointment and inconvenience to others if you'll tell it all.

For instance: Here's a laconic ad that might disappoint:

HOUSE—Modern; six rooms and bath, gas, electric, furnace. 3649 Avenue Joffre.

And here's one that couldn't disappoint:

HOUSE—Stucco and shingle; two blocks from carline, near schools and churches; quiet neighborhood; gas, electric, Williamson furnace. Lot 60 x 130. Terms $700 cash, balance $40 a month. 3649 Avenue Joffre. 'Phone W. 9000.

Tell all about it in your Want Ad in

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considerable attention was devoted to the serious situation existing in China. The Lincheng outrage was fresh in our minds, and served to bring home to us a very keen realisation of the urgent need that something be done to improve conditions which were rapidly drifting from bad to worse. Very soon after the release of the captives had been secured this Chamber, both independently and in conjunction with other foreign chambers here, urged that some action be taken by our home governments to bring China to a sense of her responsibilities and obligations as a sovereign, independent nation—the place to which she had been accorded at the Washington Conference.

"On August 10 the Diplomatic Body sent a note, signed by the representatives of sixteen nations, to the Chinese Government protesting against the activities of bandits and uncontrolled soldiery, and demanding that the foreigners involved in such affairs be reimbursed for property losses, loss of time, and injuries, and also demanding that proper punishment be given the officials responsible. The Minister of Foreign Affairs replied in part as follows:

"The safety of foreigners has always been the subject of very deep solicitude on the part of the Chinese Government," and said further that, "through the series of measures recently adopted, the lives, property, and interests of foreigners in China will enjoy added security."

ONLY IDLE TALK

"As far as that particular locality is concerned some protective measures have been taken; but, while there have been no instances of quite the magnitude and audacity of that affair, the lists of bandits and military atrocities in other parts of the country has continued unabated. In one of the Shanghai newspapers a few days ago recital of these is given, from which it is seen that no less than nine foreigners have been murdered, and at least fifty others have been kidnapped or subjected to such indignities as robbery, beatings or insults. In two or three cases the American flag has been deliberately insulted, and quite recently a boat flying the American flag, loaded with American cargo and operating on one of the rivers in the adjoining province of Chekiang was forcibly detained by the military authorities and the Chinese crew thrown in jail because of the refusal of the company to submit to an illegal tax levied on foreign merchandise by Chinese military authorities in contravention of treaties between the United States and China.

"Just prior to our annual meeting last year, this Chamber, in conjunction with the American Association of China, sent a strong cablegram to Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, recommending that additional protection for Americans and American interests in China be provided, and that in case China failed to take definite steps to place her house in order all further benefits granted to China by the Washington Conference be withdrawn or delayed in their application. This action has since evoked some criticism on the part of some who thought it to be a reversal of America's traditional policies toward this country.

SOME RESULTS

"We are pleased to find, however, that our views were not considered extreme by our Governmental authorities, as steps are being taken by the Navy Department to improve our Yangtsze patrol force to the extent of six new boats, costing Gold $700,000. each, capable of navigating the upper reaches of the Yangtsze River, and in addition two boats of the "mine-sweeper" class have been sent here from Honolulu for reconditioning for service on the lower Yangtsze. Furthermore, in news dispatches from Peking, Washington, London, and Paris early last month, it was indicated that the powers have decided to delay the holding of the Special Tariff Conference and also the visit of the Judicial Commission authorized at the Washington Conference to investigate into the matter of Extraterritoriality. It is reported that definite action is soon to be taken in respect to China's default upon her foreign loan obligations, including obligations for materials purchased by the Chinese Government Railways.

"At the recent annual meetings of the British Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai and of the Associated British Chambers of Commerce in China considerable attention was devoted to the important matter of American-British co-operation in respect to the solution of many of the pressing problems affecting the development and conduct of foreign business in China. On behalf of the American Chamber I am pleased to state that the friendly desire for co-operation expressed at the meetings of the British Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai is heartily reciprocated by our membership. At the Washington Conference it was demonstrated that the United States and Great Britain stand practically on the same ground from the standpoint of their policies in the Far East and if our governments are in agreement naturally the same spirit should be carried out by the private citizens of the two countries in their various commercial activities in this part of the world. A full and frank spirit of co-operation on the part of the Americans and Britons represented out here is certain to be productive of good for all concerned in this part of the world where active constructive leadership is so greatly needed.

"During January of this year, the various newspapers in China published a letter written by Secretary of State Hughes to Mr. George Lockwood, Secretary of the Republican National Committee, which shows that the Administration at Washington is aware of the seriousness of the Chinese situation, and that preparations are being made to cope with it. Secretary Hughes' letter in part reads as follows:

"The Far Eastern policy followed by the Administration in connection with the Conference remains unaltered in its main objective and has in its application been modified only to the extent necessitated by the changes which have meanwhile taken place in China itself. Those changes I very much regret to say have been a disappointment to those who had hoped that a fuller measure of opportunity for independent development would hasten the evolution of a more normal and orderly internal administration in China and make possible the establishment of a governmental entity capable of fulfilling the international obligations correlative to the rights of sovereignty which the Conference had recognised and sought to safeguard for China. . . . Under these circumstances the application of our Far Eastern policy to the situation in China has had necessarily to take into account conditions created by the almost complete disintegration of administrative authority and of the sense of political responsibility on the part of those nominally in control of the affairs in China. . . . But whatever our faith in the capacity of the Chinese people to work out ultimately their own salvation, we cannot ignore the present responsibilities involved in our duty of assuring due protection of the persons and interests of our citizens who are sojourning in China as missionaries or in business or professional pursuits in pursuance of rights clearly granted them by the terms of our treaties with China. This duty compels us primarily in the interests of our own citizens, but secondarily in the interest of China itself, to hold the Chinese Government as rigorously as we may to the fulfillment of the foreign obligations which, no less than the rights of sovereignty, are incident to its enjoyment of a position in the family of nations. I feel fully assured that no measures that we have thus far taken or which we contemplate taking to that end are unduly harsh; and I am, on the contrary, confident that the steps in which this Government participate will in the end prove no less advantageous to the real interests of the Chinese people than to the foreigners whose interests these measures are designed immediately to protect. . . .

INHERENTLY WEAK

"The difficulty of the situation in the Far East, as you will perceive, lies in the weakness of the Chinese Government. We have done what we could to strengthen it and to give it the opportunity for development, but that development must of necessity take place within. It is not possible for the powers to create a government for China or to substitute with any hope of success a government through their own agencies. The utmost which they may hope to do is to bring the Chinese authorities to a realisation of their responsibilities and give such assistance (even though it should be against the will of certain elements in Chinese politics which hope to profit by a continuance of disorder and corruption) as will tend to stabilise the finances and the transportation services of the Chinese Government and thereby bring about conditions of order and security which may offer a less difficult set of conditions in which the Chinese people may develop an effective administration of their own."

"The above, written by Mr. Hughes, while not given out as an official document, nevertheless undoubtedly gives the views of the Administration regarding the present China situation and the measures which are now under consideration for meeting it. There has been no reversal of American policy towards China; America always has been, and still is, one of the best friends that China has. History offers conclusive proof that the United States has no desire for political or economic aggression against any country, and her action in calling and conducting the Washington Conference offers very recent and striking evidence of her attitude towards China. This does not mean, however, that the resolutions of the Washington Conference were ever intended to be an abrogation of foreign treaty rights in China, as the military-minded gentlemen in this country seem to think. It does not mean that we intend to sit calmly by and witness the murder and persecution of our citizens at the hands of the militarists and bandits without protest or the adoption of protective measures. When however, we see that the Chinese are taking definite steps to bring about orderly government and stable conditions in China, and when we see that improvement actually taking place, China will find the United States, as always, most friendly, altruistic, and ready to help.

WHO CAN HELP

"As to the means by which such improvement is to be effected, we can only repeat that this is in the hands of the Chinese themselves—and that the business men of China can play a very large part. The solution here, as in every country, lies in education—the education of the people to a realisation of their right to good government and freedom from oppression by despotic militarists; and a prerequisite to this is, of course, education of the illiterate masses in such elementals as reading and writing. With this in mind, it is pleasing to note the progress that is being made along these lines, a concrete example of which is the "Mass Education Movement," organised and promoted by Mr. Y. C. James Yen, M.A., of the National Committee, Y. M. C. A. This consists in principle of a vocabulary of 1,000 of the simpler Chinese characters, which can be mastered by even an illiterate person in four months of steady application, and which will enable the student to read the newspapers, simple books and magazines, and write simple letters. This campaign is being carried on all over China, with volunteer teachers and utilising local public buildings, and remarkable success has already attended the movement.

ILLITERACY

"While we are all agreed upon the principle of the political and administrative integrity of China and that the country must be given the fullest possible opportunity at selfdevelopment we cannot however close our eyes to the fact that more than ninety percent of the Chinese people are illiterate in their own language and from the standpoint of modern development the greater part of China is still in a primitive condition and that as long as this condition exists the Republic of China cannot expect to occupy a position in world affairs which has been accorded to other nations where the standard of civilisation as we know it has been raised to a much higher level. So long as these conditions exist in China the country must require the friendly assistance of outside nations otherwise it becomes a menace to the world generally.

"It is our firm conviction that the solution of the problems now facing the Chinese people rests entirely in the hands of the educated and business classes, and until such time as they take a firm hand in political and governmental affairs no lasting improvement can take place. To this end, it is our duty to lend assistance wherever it may be needed to those elements which are working for right and justice. Until something is accomplished along these lines, however, it will be necessary for the foreign governments to insist upon fulfillment of all treaty rights, and to see to it themselves that the lives and property of their nationals are safeguarded.

"This policy, as Mr. Hughes states, will work out to the benefit of the Chinese people as well as the foreign interests in China.

ARBITRATION

"During the year the Arbitration Committee as a committee had no matters requiring action called to their attention. The Chairman of the Committee handled two cases, both of which were satisfactorily settled.

"The Arbitration Committee recommended that a standard form of agreement of arbitration be drawn up by the Legal Committee which will be presented to the incoming Board for approval. It is felt that a simple form, embodying briefly the legal features and an explanation of the basis principles of arbitration, will do much towards inducing the settlement of disputes in this manner.

"Arbitration as now practiced between foreign and Chinese firms is generally more of a compromise. Arbitration as understood at home is not thought to be practicable in China at the present time, in the opinion of the Arbitration Committee.

ASSOCIATED CHAMBERS

"This organisation, which was formed October 23, 1923, and which is composed of the American Chambers at Harbin, Hankow, Peking, Shanghai, and Tientsin, has continued to function successfully, and has proven of great value in coordination sentiment and action amongst American business interests throughout China. The annual meeting of this body was held in Shanghai on October 16th and 17th, 1923, and reference is made to the report of that meeting for the deliberations and action taken.

"The principle of a closer working arrangement between the American business Communities in China and those of the Philippine Islands and Japan has been agreed by all to be most desirable and there is reason to hope that such an arrangement will be effected within the near future.

"The Associated Chambers in October 1923 appointed a resident representative in Washington, Mr. J. J. Underwood, whose address is, 621 Colorado Bldg.

FINANCE

"It is pleasing to report that the finances of the Chamber continue in a healthy state; it will be noted from the annual statement that the position is even better this year than last.

DANGEROUS CARGO

"The proposed regulations issued by the Harbor Master's office received the careful attention and study of the shipping committee and the Board, who recommended to the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce that the proposed regulations should be accepted in principle, with a view to getting them before the Consular Body as a definite basis to work upon.

"The Board also recommended that the General Harbor Regulations be amended so as to provide the necessary local authority which can be appealed to for quick decision in the event of its being desired to import or store larger quantities than those allowed in the present proposals.

"The Board recommended that nothing be introduced in the proposed regulations which will adversely effect present approved bulk petroleum storage installations.

"The Board recommended that a set of buoys be provided where vessels with considerable quantities of restricted commodities on board and having no oil installation wharf privileges may berth in the lower section of the River instead of being forced to berth at Woosung as at present.

"With regard to the proposed limitations of storage areas for dangerous petroleum products such as gasoline, also restrictions in the amount of only 29,250 Imperial gallons in the area between the Cosmopolitan Dock and Yangking Creek it was made clear that the Chamber's acceptance in principle does not waive the right for any responsible interests having the endorsement of its Chamber of Commerce or Consul from being privileged to negotiate with the Harbor authorities for what it may require in this respect.

CONSULAR PROPERTY

"The Chamber has co-operated with the American Association of China in the collection and publication in booklet form of data dealing with the need for the purchase of land and the construction of modern buildings for the accommodation of American consular officials in China.

"Copies of this booklet are being mailed to members of Congress, heads of departments and Bureaus of the Government at Washington in the hope that Congress may be induced to take action on this subject during present session. There is now a measure before Congress providing for the construction of new buildings at Tientsin, Hankow and Canton which it is hoped will be passed.

UNITED STATES COURT

"In view of the fact that the American population in China has increased from about 30,000 in 1906 when the United States Court for China was first created, to about 9,000 at the present time and of the further fact that America's share of the foreign trade of China has increased from about 50 million gold dollars to 200 million it has been found that the original machinery creating the United States Court for China is now entirely inadequate. To remedy this situation the American Chamber of Commerce (Shanghai) has recommended to Congress several amendments to the original act, briefly as follows:

1. Placing the Court under the administration of the Department of Justice in accordance with the other Federal courts of the United States.
2. Appointment of an assistant judge or in lieu of that increasing the powers and number of cimmissioners so that sessions of the Court may be held during the absence or disability of the presiding judge.
3. Inauguration of a modified form of jury trial considered workable in this jurisdiction.
4. Increasing the salaries of the District attorney, commissioners, clerk and other court officials so that it should not be necessary for them to engage in the private practice of law.

EXCHANGE OF NEWS

"One of the matters which the American Chamber of Commerce has been interested in for several years has been the better exchange of news between China and the United States.

"During the last few months there has been an indication that our efforts are bearing fruit. Reuters the well known British news service has now in co-operation with the Associated Press started an American news service to China and in addition to this the United Press, an independent American news gathering organisation is also bringing to China an American news service. Also during the year it was announced that the Federal Telegraph Corporation of San Francisco in co-operation with the Radio Corporation of America had obtained the right to construct a high powered radio station at Shanghai capable of communicting directly with the United States and other parts of the world. It is the belief of this Chamber that the erection here of a high powered radio station will be of tremendous service in placing China in direct communication with the United States for the exchange not only of news but of commercial messages as well at reasonable rates.

In this connection it is also of interest that the Commercial Pacific Cable Company the owners of the only direct cable connecting China with the United States is now transmitting plain language messages deferred at half of the former rates.

PUBLICITY IN U. S.

The Board of Directors of the Chamber have been co-operating with the other American Chambers of Commerce in China in the distribution of publicity material in America dealing with the present situation in China and the need for a definite policy on the part of the United States designed to cope with a situation which has developed in China within recent years. To this end booklets, magazine articles and other material dealing with the Chinese situation have been circulated to members of Congress, heads of departments and bureaus in the Government and to newspaper editors and correspondents in various parts of the United States.

The fact that Congress has now under consideration an appropriation to construct modern special type patrol boats of replace our present antiquated fleet on the Yangtsze is one evidence that this publicity has been of some effect.

PASSPORTS

The American Chamber of Commerce (Shanghai) has endorsed a movement started by the Merchants Association of New York to reduce the application and vise fees paid for passports from G.$10 to G.$2. This proposal has the support of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and other influential organisations in America, and a bill providing for this reduction is being introduced in the present Congress.

AMERICAN SCHOOL

The American Chamber of Commerce (Shanghai) is rendering what assistance it can in the campaign in America for raising funds for the support and endowment of the Shanghai American School with which project it is heartily in favor. In addition to this an effort is being made to obtain from the American Government the enactment of suitable legislation to secure financial assistance from the Federal Government toward the running of the several American School in China subject to periodic consular or other inspection and approval.

INDUSTRIAL FILMS

In co-operation with the Shanghai office of the American Commercial Attache the Board has arranged to have American industrial films exhibited from time to time at various Chinese Chambers of Commerce.

At the first exhibition held at the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on March 7th more than 700 Chinese business men were present. It is felt that this presents an excellent opportunity for members to make their merchandise better known to the Chinese public.

YANGTSZE PATROL FORCE

The Board of Directors take pleasure in announcing that partly as a result of our efforts in co-operation with representatives of the State, Commerce and Navy Departments a bill has been introduced in Congress providing for the construction of six patrol boats of a special type for operation on the upper Yangtsze to cost not more than G.$700,000 each. According to the present plans of the Navy Department these new boats will be used to replace the present craft now operating under the American flag on the Yangtsze River.

In addition to the above the Navy Department has sent to Shanghai two boats of the mine-sweeper class for reconditioning in one of the Shanghai shipyards for service on the lower Yangtsze.

It is felt that these new boats will do much to maintain peaceful conditions in the Yangtsze valley, affording greater security to American lives and interests in that section.

RESTRICTED ARTICLES

In connection with the importation into China of articles which have been listed under the general heading "contraband," prohibited and restricted articles the Board of Directors of the Chamber have recommended revisions of this list to permit of the importation of wireless equipment, of explosive articles such as sulphur, saltpetre, sulphuric acid, nitric acid, spelter, picric acid and oil of mirbane but that dynamite, nitro-gycerine, gelignite, melinite, detonators and powder strings be retained on the restricted list at present. The Board does not approve of the Chinese proposal that industrial copper be placed on the restricted list.

TONNAGE DUES

No change has been secured since the meeting of the Associated American Chambers on October 17, 1923 in the tonnage dues now being assessed foreign shipping entering Chinese ports. The Board desires to re-affirm the resolution which was passed by the Associated American Chambers at that time quoted below.

"The tonnage dues which China is permitted to charge foreign vessels are based upon treaties between China and other nations beginning with the Tientsin treaty between China and Great Britain signed in 1858. These dues amount to 4 mace (equivalent to

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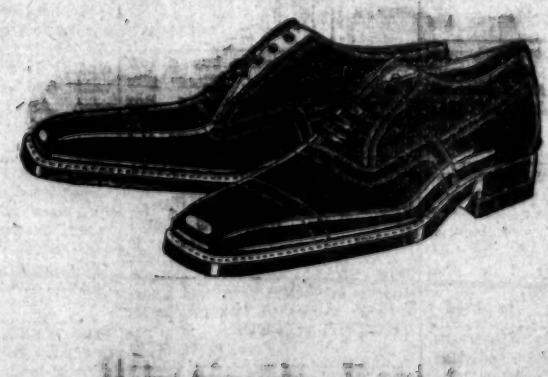
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20 cents U. S. currency) per net registered ton on vessels of over 150 tons and 1 mace (equivalent to 3 cents U. S. currency) per net registered ton on vessels of 150 tons and under. The dues are levied in a lump sum upon any foreign ship that touches at a Chinese port, and cover a period of four months. These dues are higher than those charged by any other country and were adopted originally more than a half century ago because of the fact that few foreign ships touched Chinese ports and the high dues were necessary to provide funds for the construction and maintenance of light houses, etc. Since these high rates work a handicap upon American shipping not engaged in the coastwise trade of China, the American Chamber of Commerce (Shanghai) recommend that steps be taken by the United States Government to revise these regulations which have been in effect without change for 64 years.

"The associated American Chambers of Commerce of China recommends that all foreign vessels be granted the privilege of paying tonnage dues at the rate of 4 mace (equivalent to 30 cents U. S., currency) per net registered ton and good for a period of 4 months or the privilege of paying tonnage dues at a fair rate per net registered ton per call."

JOINT COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors of the Chamber gave a dinner to representatives of mission bodies in the Shanghai district on October 17th, 1923, at which time the co-operation of the mission bodies was requested in the various subjects of vital importance to all Americans resident in China.

On December 28th members of the local American mission bodies in return acted as hosts to the Board of Directors of the Shanghai Chamber and the suggestion was made that the best way to create a better understanding and closer co-operation between the business and missionary communities would be by means of a joint committee of six members, three representing the missionary community and three representing the business community.

On March 3rd such a committee was formed consisting of:

Bishop L. C. Roots, American Church Mission

Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott, President, St. John's University

Rev. C. E. Patton, American Presbyterian Mission, North

Mr. J. Harold Dollar, The Robert Dollar Co.

Mr. V. G. Lyman, Standard Oil Co. of N. Y.

Mr. J. B. Powell, China Weekly Review

SOOCHOW CREEK

One of the chief avenues of communication between Shanghai and the hinterland is Soochow Creek a native waterway which in recent years has become so badly silted as to make it very difficult to handle the traffic that normally passes through it between Shanghai and the interior. This creek although running through the foreign settlement is under the control of the Chinese Government and up to the present it has been impossible to obtain improvements because of the opposition of the provincial and local Chinese officials. This matter has had the earnest and careful consideration of a special sub-committee and that committee as well as your Board are of the opinion that immediate dredging and more effective policing of the Soochow creek is imperative. The Chamber has made representations to the proper authorities urging that immediate action be taken on this important matter and stating that in its opinion the best method to effect ultilizing of possible the engineering work would be to have this done by the Chinese authorities utilizing if possble the engineering facilities of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board.

This Chamber in conjunction with the other members of the Associated American Chambers has extended to Mr. Hoover an invitation to visit China at this time feeling that his wide experience would be of great benefit in the solution of many of the problems affecting American interests in China.

AMERICAN INCOME TAX

American Chambers of Commerce in London, Paris, Mexico City, Buenos Aires, Manila and elsewhere representing American commercial interests engaged in foreign trade have for many years agitated against the injustice of the United States Government enforcing its domestic income tax regulations upon Americans residing abroad who derive their income from non-American sources.

There are approximately 240,000 foreigners residing in China of which number about 9,000 are Americans. Americans are the only foreigners who are required by their home Government to pay income taxes upon income derived from activities in this part of the world and entirely outside of the United States.

The handicap which this places upon the American citizen in his competition with the British, Japanese, French Germans and other foreigners interested in foreign trade in this part of the world is self-evident. Governor-General Leonard Wood of the Philippine Islands has well stated the case in letters and cables to the Secretary of War and to the President of the United States dated September 7 and 8, 1923. In these communications Governor-General Wood said:

"Filipinos and foreign residents of the Philippine Islands, business competitors of Americans, are exempt from Federal income tax paying only local taxes which are very much lower. Resulting discrimination against Americans on an outpost of our foreign commerce is grossly unjust. . . . British subjects abroad have never been subjected to British taxation on income derived from sources outside of Great Britain. By the Finance Act of 1920 Great Britain has even gone to the extent of refunding to overseas British subjects taxes heretofore levied on income derived solely from British sources. Relief on the part of Congress would greatly facilitate the general efforts to build up our foreign trade now seriously interfered with by subjecting it here and elsewhere abroad to the handicap of heavier income taxes than those paid by foreign competitors . . . I feel very strongly that the least the home Government can do is to give a considerate hearing to the American business men of this community in order that all the facts may be before you before definite action is taken."

The situation affecting Americans interested in business and other activities in China is exactly the same as the situation outlined by Governor-General Wood in the Philippines. All foreigners residing in China are subject to certain municipal and other taxes in the communities wherein they live but its subjected by their home Government to all of the domestic taxes of the United States even though the incomes are derived from sources entirely outside of the United States.

In view of the above factors the American Chamber of Commerce (Shanghai) desire to approve of the action of other American Chambers of Commerce in various parts of the world, and especially the action of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Islands, as well as the action of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America to the effect that Congress in framing the next Revenue Bill may exempt Americans residing overseas and deriving their income from non-American sources.

Unpaid accounts for materials supplied to the Chinese Government Railways and other services.

The United States Government has adopted the position that obligations for materials supplied to the Chinese Government. Railways constitute a part of the operating expenses of the railways, and as such should be met before any charges on the surplus revenues are provided for, or in other words that such obligations for equipment are a prior lien on the actual earnings of the railways and must be satisfied before any surplus can be said to exist.

This matter was the subject of a resolution to the above effect passed at the meeting of the Associated American Chambers held on October 17, 1923 but in view of the continued disregard for the rights of American creditors of the Chinese Government the Board believes this matter should once again be brought to the attention of the State Department in order that they may secure arrangements whereby these obligations will be honored.

BOXER INDEMNITY

During the past few months considerable discussion has appeared in the public press with regard to the proposed expenditure of the balance of the American Boxer Indemnity amounting to some fifteen million dollars, United States currency, which Congress is now considering resations in China.

The Board is of the opinion that any expenditure for educational or other purposes in China should be closely supervised by an American committee composed of representatives of the United States diplomatic or consular services and of the American business and missionary organisations in China.

As it has come to the attention of the Board that an organised campaign is being conducted in America to secure this fund to be administered by a committee the majority of whom are non-American the attention of the various governmental departments at Washington was directed to the resolution passed on October 23, 1923 by the Associated American Chambers.

Rule 1, Chinese Maritime Customs. This question came up again during the past year and your Board upon being asked for a decision is of the opinion that the position of the Chamber remains unchanged, i. e. that ad valorem duties shall in all cases be calculated upon the c. i. f. cost of the goods, that is to say, the landed cost in bond, or in other words, the prices at which the goods have been sold by the exporter in the foreign country to the importer in China plus the insurance and the freight on the goods.

ILLEGAL TAXATION

During the past year illegal taxation has spread throughout the country so that few if any of the provinces are free from this complaint. The example set by Chekiang Province has extended throughout all the provinces in the Yangtsze valley. The reason advanced by Chekiang Province for levying the taxation was that this province was independent of Peking and was not bound by the treaties or special arrangement entered into by the Peking Government. The other provinces along the Yangtsze have not been able to make this excuse and now all violations of treaty rights are excused on the plea that the treaties have become obsolete and that therefore the provinces should not be bound by them.

The provincial authorities in some cases have pointed out that the failure to bring into effect the agreement entered into at the Washington Conference has deprived China for a long time of the revenue to which they feel they are entitled and this is offered as the reason for their acts in levying and collecting illegal taxes. The Peking Government has recognised the illegality of the taxes against which protests have been made by the various Legations but their instructions to the provinces have not been respected. There seems to be a determined effort generally throughout the provinces to proceed without regard to the treaties and to question generally treaty rights which have been recognised and acknowledged for many years.

Various treaties between China and the foreign powers have put a limitation upon the taxation of imported goods, without regard to their nature. Any taxation levied in excess of those provided for in these treaties is therefore a violation of the said treaties. The first exception to this principle appears in the Washington Agreement in the provision that has been made for the levying of a tax on luxuries. It therefore applies that any violation of treaties by the illegal taxation of any article of commerce jeopardises the principle established by treaty and would further establish a precedent which might be extended to all importations.

The Chamber in conjunction with the Trade Commissioner's office interviewed many members of the American business community in regard to any changes desired in connection with the compilation of the Maritime Customs Trade Returns. The recommendations of the Chamber were forwarded to the Commissioner of Customs for consideration.

During the year a proposal to increase the River Police was brought to the notice of the Board. The strength has been increased and a new police hulk secured which should be of considerable help in reducing the pilferage of cargo at this port.

The original proposal from the Maritime Customs provided for a special addition to the wharfage dues which would have to be met by the trade for the Port. The Board did not approve of this as it would establish an undesirable precedent to permit any further surtaxes levied on cargo moving through the port of Shanghai.

The improvements referred to above were finally secured without any additional levy on cargo passing through the port of Shanghai.

CHINA TRADE ACT

In view of the fact that the China Trade Act which was passed by Congress in 1922 does not fulfill the expectations of American business interested in trade in this part of the world a serious effort is now being made to amend the act so that it will be of service to American business operating in this country. A number of amendments dealing especially with the taxation features of the bill which have the approval of the Chamber are now before Congress and according to recent advices which we have received from the Registrar of the China Trade Act who is now in Washington there is a possibility of favorable action being secured from the present Congress.

To make the Act of the most advantage to American interests, there are two groups of amendments proposed.

One proposed amendment to give China Trade Act companies entire exemption from the 12½% Federal corporation tax, as is done with British China Companies. The Act as passed only gives relief from Federal corporation taxes to the extent of a special dividend to American and Chinese stockholders resident in China equal to and credited to the China Trade Act Corporation in the payment of its corporation tax in the proportion that the percentage of stock so held bear to all outstanding stock. The revenue part of the Act as originally proposed, and as now proposed to be amended, has not contemplated any exemption of personal income taxes on China Trade Act company dividends.

As the Act now stands, there are some provisions which are not clear and some provisions that are inconsistent. It is also felt that the application and administration of the Act can be simplified. To this end there are proposed ten amendments which briefly stated in order are as follows:

1. Reduce number of necessary incorporators from five to three. This will conform to all State Laws, which require only three incorporators.
2. Eliminate the requirement for maintaining principal office in the District of Columbia.
3. Eliminate the necessity of maintaining a resident director in the District of Columbia.
4. Extend the period for the payment of the initial capital. All of which must now be paid in full before issue of certificate of incorporation.
5. Change the purpose of the Act to developing trade between China and the United States instead of developing markets in China for goods produced in the United States.
6. Require a corporate seal, which is now optional.
7. Permit stock to be issued at more but not less than par.
8. Require the president and treasurer to be American citizens, or persons who at their place of residence are subject to the laws of the United States.
9. Permit proxy-voting of stock.
10. Require an audit of the annual reports of China Trade Act corporations.

There are now approximately nine companies incorporated under the China Trade Act.

MEMBERSHIP

On March 31st of this year there were 88 corporate members, 83 individual members and 32 non-resident members. The membership of the Chamber continues to be very representative of American commercial interests including as it does practically every American firm of importance in Shanghai.

We regret to have to report that to date no action has been taken in regard to stationing an American consular official at Ichang to represent and protect the various American missionary and commercial interests established there, and to assist American shipping now regularly engaged in the upper Yangtze trade. This Chamber is still very strongly of the opinion that American interests generally are of sufficient importance to justify the opening of a consulate at Ichang.

There has been only one change on the Board of Directors during the past year, namely Mr. Townsend who resigned upon returning to the United States during March, 1924.

During the year ten regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors were held.

The Board again wishes to express its thanks of the entire membership for the united support which it has received during the year.

As in previous years, the American Association of China and the American Chamber of Commerce (Shanghai), have co-operated in many matters of importance that have come up during the year, and the Association has joined with us in extending to notable visitors a welcome to Shanghai. The Chamber again expresses its appreciation of the various activities of the Association in behalf of American interests in China.

Our thanks are again due also to the officials of the United States Government located in China, to the other local American organisations and to the Press for their co-operation and support. Such unified effort is of great assistance in the advancement of American interests and prestige in China.

There has been before Congress for several years a measure known as the "Rogers Bill" which is intended to improve the consular and diplomatic services of the United States through combining the two services into a unified foreign service.

According to the terms of the Rogers Bill provision is made for increases in salaries, travelling expenses, retirement and for promotions in accordance with the abilities of the individual.

In view of the fact that the question of improvements in the United States Consular and Diplomatic Services in China have been a frequent source of consideration on the part of this body as well as other American organisations in China the American Chamber of Commerce (Shanghai) desires to go on record as being in favor of and fully endorsing the Rogers Bill and expresses the hope it may be speedily enacted into law by Congress.

The officers during the past year have been: President, Mr. J. Harold Dollar; Vice-President, Mr. V. G. Lyman; Treasurer, Mr. S. R. Brown; Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. B. Powell; Secretary, Mr. D. J. Lewis; Directors, Messrs. J. E. Eichwald, L. Everett, H. B. Lane, E. F. Townsend, P. P. Whitham, and H. A. Wiley.

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"That Burying Habit"

OLD BILL, in common with the rest of the world, has, of course, been following the extrication of Tut-Ankh-Amen from the tomb where he's been checked in so long. These interesting excavations appeal to different people in different ways. Personally, I am full of veneration for those gloomy old Egyptians. I cannot help but admire men whose chief amusement was watching their tombs being built all their lives, and then getting bandaged up like an exported ham and put away in storage for some thousands of years. If that can please one, what couldn't a night at a cabaret do? With my scant knowledge of Egyptology I have endeavored to pump some of this romance into Old Bill's head, and in doing so have been cross-examined by him in a way that even Howard Carter would find perplexing.

"I reckon it's a shame to pull that Tut-Ankh-Amen out of there, Captain," he began one day. "He took all that trouble to stow himself away like that, and here's all his work going for nothing. He set a fine example, and a lot of notice people take of it."

"Fine example? What do you mean, Bill?"

"Well, look what a crowd of people there are that we would be glad to see taking that trouble to hide themselves away. I could mention a few kings that were knocking around a few years ago that I would have been glad to help wrap up and seal them down tight for 3,000 years."

"You are getting vindictive, Bill."

"No, sir. It isn't only confined to kings; there was many a sergeant-major that could have done with being wrapped up. But, Captain, just imagine if one of our kings went in for that line of business? Just imagine them diggin' up a new king three thousand years from now! I can just see how the account would look in the papers! None of all that gold, alabaster and jewel stuff; it would be something like

"Mr. Howard Carter today commenced work on the inner shrine, made entirely out of army blankets, with the cartouche of the king's creditors inscribed with a rubber stamp on the inside. Two wooden boxes full of unpaid accounts and a tin of pork and beans which it is supposed he would require in the next world.

"Any day now the excavators may reach the leather grip in which it is hoped the body reposes. Mr. Carter can dimly see the name 'Woolworth' printed on the woodwork, which indicates the treasure which it was customary to bury with a king in the twentieth century."

"You are very hard on the present day, Bill."

"No, Captain. Only when I looks around at things as they are in Europe I can't 'elp thinking about Tut-Ankh-Amen and how I would like to walk into the 'ouses of Parliament and start wrappin' some of them up there for permanent storage."

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A Change In Japan's Chinese Policy

The following editorial appeared in The Christian Science Monitor on February 8:

More than a few times in recent months it has been affirmed by those who most thoroughly know the situation in China that Japanese influences of improper sort have all but entirely disappeared there. If this proves to be a fact, as more and more it appears to be, a change will have come over the surface of the dreams of the present-day Orient, the value of which to the two nations immediately concerned and the importance of which to all state possessed of interests in the Yellow Republic, cannot be overemphasized. For it has long been an open secret that the Tokio Government was not accomplishing what it had hoped and planned to gain within the confines of its giant neighbor to the west, because as the methods employed had been suspiciously indirect, so had the aim been essentially dishonest. At the same time and for the same reason it was, through those years, stirring up among the hundreds of millions of Chinese a hostility as internationally menacing as it was nationally deep-rooted.

Those who have experienced understanding of Oriental ways know that movements which appear the most unexpectedly are based none the less on tendencies that have grown gradually to deliberate maturity. Therefore, sudden change in such activities is seldom to be realized, no matter what the surface seeming. The yesterday policy of the (then highly militarized) Japanese Ministry was the outcome of matured consideration, and if this has been reshaped so far as to amount to its practical disappearance it is because of equally careful reconsideration. Yet no less than just this does seem to be the fact.

It is not, however, difficult to discover the several influences that have worked together to so desirable an end. The world's view of the Sino-Japanese duel over Shantung well may have begun it all, with the discussions at Paris re-echoing from Washington to Calcutta. What was said and done at the Conference for the Limitation of Armament at the American capital played a large part, too, in the slow but sure change of front which, we are told today, is being made by the Mikado's advisers. The growth of a more liberal school of political thought in the islands is still another factor of weight in the equation. The fearful disasters of last September, with their economic and financial concomitants, merely made inescapable what already had been seen increasingly to be advantageous.

In what has been written here there is no suggestion that these two mighty eastern peoples must follow paths wholly disunited or entirely divergent. That would be almost as unfortunate an attempt as for one to try to direct the other's policies. Further it would not be possible. Geographic propinquity and industrial interdependence are conditions no more to be ignored than they are voluntarily to be chosen. One recognizes such things when they exist no more. After that there is nothing to be said. They do exist, clearly, as between the powers which face each other across the waters of the Yellow Sea. There is a mutuality of advantage to be seen in the case which is genuine. Its exercise can work only for good in both directions, provided merely there be no attempt to conceal political control behind industrial enterprise.

tion of this nature will not long be delayed. When taken it will not necessarily indicate any sympathy with the communistic aims of the government of Russia which the English Labor party has consistently refused to indorse. But it will mean that the working masses of England cannot afford longer to postpone a revival of trade for the sake of being economically consistent. The millions of people in England and Russia, whatever may be the differences in their political and economical beliefs, are in a peculiar measure dependent upon each other for business.

England is a manufacturing nation, while Russia is a producer of a raw materials. This being the case, nothing short of war could wholly cut off exchanges between the two. Such exchanges take place now, but not with the freedom that would be possible if they were able to do business with each other as recognized financial and economic agencies. England has an excellent financial standing, but Russia has practically none at all. Trade in large volume could not pass between the two countries except on the basis of an exchange of goods and that exchange would require a degree of financial support that could only be safely supplied under a recognized government.

From the financial standpoint, England has the same reluctance as has the United States toward according recognition of the present government or of any other government that repudiates its obligations as a nation. There is a question of international morality involved besides the direct property loss which is involved in the repudiation of a national debt. This breach of contract is so serious that it is difficult to see how it can be overlooked by the other powers. It might open the door to the repudiation of all external obligations by other nations also, and thus the foundations of international credit would be swept away. This is the stand taken by the President and secretary of state of the United States, although our interest in those debts is relatively small compared with that of England and France. Just what will be done about it in considering the matter of recognition the new premier has not announced.

Russia Back Among The Nations

The following three editorials give a fair estimate of editorial opinion among newspapers on the recognition of Russia by Great Britain. The New York American conveys the Hearst attitude. The New York Tribune gives the 'on the fence' attitude, and the San Francisco Journal may be considered as giving the conservative Pacific Coast attitude:

NEW YORK AMERICAN

Despite the inspired opposition of our State Department, the United States cannot much longer delay the official recognition of Russia.

It is announced from London that the new Labor Government will institute full diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia. A prospective British Ambassador to Russia has already been selected in the person of James O'Grady, a Labor Member of Parliament.

Italy, it is announced, will also recognize the Soviet Government without delay.

It is a matter for regret that our own just appraisal of the situation has not, long before this, determined renewal of relationship between the United States and Russia. As it is, the example of Great Britain is certainly a safe one to follow. We may be sure that no exuberant ideality dictates British recognition of the Soviet Republic. Not even chivalrous sympathy between a Labor Government and the Russian proletariat is responsible for this move.

Only enlightened selfinterest prompts British international policy—or, for that matter, any other nation's foreign policy. Indeed, that is the only safe basis for relationship among the nations—and not the misguided sentimentalism of some Americans who would make us the selfless missionary among the nations.

When Great Britain recognises Russia, it means that Britain wants and expects increased trade and corresponding improvement of her own economic condition. The same argument holds for our similar action. The same argument holds for our similar action.

When Great Britain recognizes Russia, it means her acceptance of the stability of a government that has been able for more than six years to maintain itself against internal foes, and against all manner of unsympathy and open, active enmity from most of the powerful nations of the earth.

It is not for the United States, born in revolution, to pass hostile judgment upon another revolution, firmly de facto and therefore worthy of recognition as the government de jure of the Russian people.

NEW YORK TRIBUNE

In recognising Soviet Russia Mr. Macdonald has carried out a distinctive policy of the British Labor party. Although most of the British International Socialists do not adhere to the Moscow organisation, they have a soft spot for the vast scale Marxian experiment which Lenine had the chance to make and at the same time to prove impracticable. They are interested in keeping the Soviet regime alive, since they consider it the war's one outstanding contribution to European progress.

It is pretty clear that if the Conservatives had won the last election they would not have invited Russia back into good standing in the family of nations. Lord Curzon had had too many exasperating experiences with Soviet duplicity to shake hands with Russian Communism. Yet Mr. Lloyd George flirted with Russia in his time and made a trade agreement with Moscow which looked well on paper but produced no notable result because of Russian commercial chaos, aggravated by governmental insincerity. Mr. Macdonald's heart is in the policy of recognition for recognition's sake. The George government was not moved at all by sentiment. It simply thought it could get a little commercial advantage by dickering with an outlaw nation.

The British Labor government hopes to come to an agreement later with the Soviets as to Russian recognition of international law and of external debts. The Soviets are willing to promise much in this line, but their immediate desire is to obtain additional foreign loans and credits. They look on Mr. Macdonald as a kindly and trustful benefactor. They despise Secretary Hughes because he insists that Soviet good faith must be demonstrated in advance of recognition by repentance and good works.

Fortunately no domestic political situation impels us to take chances on Moscow. We can wait until Red Russia is ready to return to civilised standards before we resume diplomatic relations with her. Our people have no use for the Soviet dictatorship, which they still think deserves no friendly greeting or concession of equal status from any law-abiding, self-respecting state.

SAN FRANCISCO JOURNAL

One of the policies of the new Labor administration in Great Britain, which was taken for granted, was an approach to a better trade understanding with the rest of Europe, and particularly with Russia and Germany, with a view primarily to the improvement of conditions as to employment in England. Some ac-

Japan's Imperial Economic Council Is Organized

(Eastern News Agency)

Tokyo, April 2.—The organization of the Imperial Economic Council was published today. According to this announcement, Premier Kiyoura has been appointed as President of the Council and Mr. K. Shoda, Minister of Finance, and Viscount Mayeda, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, as Vice-Presidents.

It is reported that the rest of the committee of the Council will be appointed later on. The first meeting of the Council will be held on the 11th instant, when financial and administrative affairs, the fundamental readjustment of taxes of all descriptions, the system of monetary circulation, the reform of industrial organization, the development of trade and labor problems are expected to be discussed.

Coolidge In The Scales

By Edward G. Lowry
(In The New Republic)

Let us look in the shifting tea leaves while the jury is out and see if we can get any intimation of what the verdict will be as it affects Mr. Coolidge. By way of first aid let us look into the Republican Campaign Text Book of 1920, surely an authentic and unimpeachable source, and read what Colonel John Calvin Coolidge says about his eminent son:

"It always seemed as though Cal could get more syrup out of a maple tree than any boy I ever knew."

But can he get blood out of a turnip? That is the job that he now confronts. Miracles do not happen any more; at least, not in politics. It is a reassuring and comforting thought at this juncture and stopping point in our slow and irregular progress toward the millennium. No man, in public life and high office can live through crises and upheavals such as this one at Washington without having his capacities, moral stature and degree of intellectual enlightenment truly and accurately assayed in the furnace of popular judgment.

Even the restrained Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania concedes that "The people of the country are at this moment suffering from acute shock. The credit of public men has received a staggering blow. In the eyes of multitudes of people, public men here in Washington, quite irrespective of party, are looked upon as badly bespattered. Something like an explosion has occurred, sir, very near the foundations of the Capitol. . . ."

The explosion which Mr. Pepper has heard "occurred" precisely between the wood shed and the kitchen. In its effect it has as profoundly affected the foundations of the White House as of the Capitol. It has diminished and impaired the stature of the legendary or mythical Calvin Coolidge who is to be presented to the Republican National Convention in June and, if nominated, to the country next November. Now that a breach has been made in the protective coloration of our study it is not too much to hope that before next autumn all the ceremonial wrappings will have been cleared away and that the real Coolidge will stand out for appraisal and judgment. At any rate, a minority report is being framed by those who agree with Abe Martin that "bunk won't hurt you if you don't inhale it." It is confidently believed that the country will accept the report before the summer is over. This confidence is based on the same rock on which the Republic is founded, and that is the essential soundness of matured popular opinion when it has the facts on which to base a judgment—the belief that you can't fool all the people all the time.

Then men who are about Mr. Coolidge and who are assisting in their several ways to promote his ambition to be elected President are, with a few exceptions, not moved by love or loyalty or devotion to their hero. The renowned M. Lodge could bear up under the blow if Mr. Coolidge should be irised out of the picture. So could Mr. Weeks. They have never been his political friends in Massachusetts. The cynical Mr. Moses, the severely practical Mr. Watson and that shadowed figure Mr. C. Bascom Slemp are not sentimentalists about their candidate. The list might be enumerated to great lengths.

The attitude of all these patriots is the detached one of the man in the dining car who ordered a broiled lobster and was brought one with one claw missing. The passenger pointed out the deficiency. The waiter explained that the lobsters were so full of life and vitality, in such good condition and high spirits that they fought among themselves, and that in one of these combats this one now on the table had lost a claw.

"Well," said the passenger, such being his nature, "in that case, bring me a winner."

And such, I venture to report, is the precise spirit and attitude of Mr. Coolidge's supporters in the "organisation." If the edges of his ambitions should be ever so delicately frosted and curled by the chill winds now blowing over the garden of presidential aspirants these shrewd and selfish political horticulturists would plough him under without a pang.

It will have been noted by all those persons who have kept closely informed about what has been said and done at Washington since the oil lease scandal became the sole topic of public consideration, how restrained and perfunctory have been the comments about Mr. Coolidge. He is not implicated in the faintest degree in any wrong doing. No one could be found to believe that a tainted penny ever found its way to his pocket. His personal integrity has not been affected by the disclosures but his "availability" as a candidate for the presidency has been hurt. His supporters know it. They are watching with shrewd cold eyes to see how badly he has been hurt.

Except Frank Stearns, and maybe one or two others, they have no illusions about Mr. Coolidge. He is not to them a great idealist, or a man of noble constructive vision, but a hard-boiled politician like themselves with an extraordinary record of success in obtaining and holding successive public offices. If he has come to the end of his good luck, if he has played out his string there are no ties that bind them to him.

Under the rigid set of rules that govern political reporting it is forbidden to quote the private unguarded and realistic comments that are being made about Mr. Coolidge by men who are nominally and for public consumption championing his ambition, but they may be summed up:

"If he can get away with this and disassociate himself in the public mind from all this mess he can get away with anything."

But they have noted with some apprehension that the real Mr. Coolidge has not betrayed the characteristics or the ability to get on top of a situation attributed to the legendary Mr. Coolidge. They have seen him privately and have not found the cool, austere man of legend in full command of himself and all his resources, resolute and alert to meet and subdue any large emergency. They have found instead a rather huddled-up little figure, much dismayed, wondering and asking what he should do, his thoughts in disarray and considerably disturbed by the sudden breaking of the storm. They did not find a cool and confident mariner at the wheel. He has somewhat recovered his composure since the first blast, but he has proved to the insiders that he lacks the stuff to meet and to handle a real crisis. When the test came he showed irresolution.

Mr. Coolidge nor any of his associates saw this scandal coming though it has been in the making for four years. When it broke there were some who wanted to brazen it out, concede nothing and affirm that the leases were in the public interest. Mr. Coolidge did not say a word until he had to, and then, perturbed and agitated and a little panicky, he gave out his midnight statement. But even then he betrayed neither shock, concern nor indignation at the disclosures that have so immediately affected his political fortunes. Nor has he since and his idolaters can only say by way of explanation that he is no "sentimentalist."

The record is being spread for all to read. Public opinion will decide. It has brought in a verdict against Doheny, Fall and Sinclair. Fairly or unfairly, it has registered disapproval of Denby and McAdoo, not for crimes but for blunders. It suspends judgment on Mr. Coolidge. Political prophecy is gratuitous folly but Mr. Coolidge is a member of the right or reactionary wing of his party and that wing or group or element is responsible for the present scandal in which the President is not a participant. It may be that when the history of the past four years is ventilated this summer that the voters will want to keep in power the same group now in control who are supporting Mr. Coolidge, but I don't believe it.

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Harbour Notification No. 8 of 1924

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or about 15th April 1924, the dredger "Hai Hu" will commence dredging operations on the Pootung bank of the Whangpoo River in the vicinity of Pheasant Point.

The cuts to be dredged extend from 1700 feet above the upper cable crossing marks on the Shanghai bank of the river to a position abreast the Woosung Creek.

The dredger will exhibit the signals notified in Harbour Notification No. 6 of 1924.

The attention of Mariners is drawn to Clause 16 of the Harbour Regulations for the Port of Shanghai, calling for slow speed when passing the dredger.

H. E. HILLMAN,
Harbour Master.

Approved:
L. A. LYALL
Commissioner of Customs.
CUSTOM HOUSE,
Shanghai, 2nd April, 1924.
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In the United States Court for China

In re Last Will and Testament of WAYNE CLARK JORDAN, *Deceased.*

Cause No. 2408
Estate No. 552
NOTICE

Pursuant to an Order of said Court, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Wayne Clark Jordan, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers, to the undersigned on or before October 4, 1924, and all persons owing debts to said deceased are hereby notified to make payment of the same in due course to the undersigned.

FLORENCE R. JORDAN,
Special Administratrix.
c/o Dr. H. C. Mei,
Attorney-at-law,
134, Szechuen Road,
Shanghai, China.
April 4, 1924.
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Wednesday,	,,	2
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By Order of the Stewards,
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Shanghai, April 3, 1924

Mex. Dollar market rate	71.6125
Native Interest	.03
Copper Cash	261.000
Shanghai Gold Bar	295.20
Bar Silver	33⅛
Bank rate of Discount	4%
Paris on London	73.25
New York on London	430⅝
London:	
Telegraphic Transfer	3/2⅝
Demand	3/2⅜
New York:	
Telegraphic Transfer	69⅛
Demand	69⅝

International Banking Corporation
CLOSING COUNTER RATES

Demand selling on America	69
Demand buying on America	70
Demand selling on London	3/2½
Demand buying on London	3/3

Chinese Government Bonds
(Supplied by Sing Tung & Co.)

	Wednesday.	Yesterday's.
3rd Year 6%	96.50	96.50
5th Year 6%	70.10	70.00
7th Year 6%	60.00	59.80
9th Year 6%	81.30	81.00
6% Consolidated	68.60	67.70
7% Consolidated	74.50	74.20
11th Year 8%	100.00	100.00
96 Millions 8%	22.50	23.50

SINO-ITALIAN BANK
BANK'S SELLING RATES
It. Lire 13.65=1 Tael
Swiss Frs. 2.93=1 Tael
It. Lire 9.40=1 Yen

RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK
BANK'S SELLING RATE
1 Chervonetz=Mex. $10.35

Stock Exchange Transactions

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS
Shanghai, April 3, 1924
OFFICIAL
Shanghai Land 6% Debs 1918 Tls. 85.00
S.M.C. 6% Debs. 1923 Tls. 99.00
S.M.C. 6% Debs. 1916 Tls. 99.00
Shanghai Loans Tls. 5.50
Telephones Tls. 74.00
Dominions Tls. 1.85
Anglo Javas Tls. 5.85
UNOFFICIAL
S.M.C. 6% Sterling Loan £104
Shanghai Land 6% Debs 1922 Tls. 93.50
S.M.C. 6% Debs 1911 Tls. 95.00
Sumatras Tls. 105.00
Ewo Mills (Ord.) Tls. 11.40
Trams "B" Tls. 16.50
Java Consolidated Tls. 11.00
Kali Glidik Coffee Tls. 6.10

Shanghai Sharebrokers Association Business Done

Shanghai, April 3, 1924
S'hai Race Club 6½% Debs Tls. 100.00
UNOFFICIAL
Ewos (Ord.) Tls. 11.50

Tramways Returns

The following is the traffic return of the Shanghai Tramway, foreign Settlement, for the week ended April 2, 1924, with figures for the corresponding week last year:

	1924
Gross receipts	$80,595.41
Loss by currency depreciation	36,511.15
Effective receipts	$44,084.26
Percentage of loss by currency depreciation	46.63
Car miles run	116,838
Passengers carried	2,285,279
	1923
Gross receipts	$79,532.48
Loss by currency depreciation	33,663.99
Effective receipts	$45,868.60
Percentage of loss by currency depreciation	43.81
Car miles run	114,645
Passengers carried	2,746,059

Hongkong Stocks

Messrs. Ellis and Co. received the following quotations by cable yesterday from Hongkong:

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corpn. Buyers $1,165.

Hongkong Land Investment & Co. Buyers $117.

Union Insurance of Canton Ltd. Nominal $246.

Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co. Sales $167.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co. Nominal $153.

Green Island Cement Co. Buyers $33¾.

Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Buyer $96.

China Sugar Refinery Co. Sales $243.

Our London Business Letter

Stock Exchange Cheerful On Dock Strike Settlement; French Franc Worth Only Twopence Each; Financial Position In Paris Serious; Imperial Tobacco's £7,000,000 Profit

(*By Our Own Correspondent*)

London, February 21.—After lasting for nearly a week the national strike of dockers has been settled and once more Labor's difficulties have been adjusted. Prior to the announcement of the settlement general conditions as affecting business had naturally become worse for we were in the midst of a national strike of dockers and the ports were paralysed in consequence.

Although work at the docks was at a standstill the news had surprisingly little effect upon the various markets of the Stock Exchange, especially upon Home Government securities which are quite good. Speculative stocks however are weaker. A factor of more serious concern still is the collapse of the French franc. Francs are now over 100 to the £ which compares with a normal rate of exchange of 25.22½ to the £. This means that the present value of the franc is now only a fraction over 2d. The fall in the value of the franc has caused but little surprise in the "City" where it was foreseen a long while ago.

THE REASONS

What then is the reason for this disaster. One of the chief causes of the trouble is that in order to reconstruct large areas, France has been steadily borrowing and relying too much upon the amount of Reparations she thought she would exact from Germany. Now that it is generally recognised that it is a matter of extreme difficulty to obtain any such payment from Germany France is endeavouring to restore its financial balance. It is unquestionably France's public finances which has brought the franc to its present low level for as is well-known, the unemployment question in that country is not nearly so acute as it is here Trade also is on a better footing. Now it is stated that the French Chamber has sanctioned the proposals of the Government to increase the taxes by 20 percent. This should produce a sum of 4,730,000,000 francs or approximately £189,200,000.

EXCHANGE CRISIS

So serious has the position in Paris become that the Prefect of Police of Paris issued an order closing the Paris Produce Exchange until further orders. This is being done to prevent speculation in food supplies based on the fall in the exchange value of the franc. The rapid fall of course has caused much excitement in political and financial circles in Paris. The French franc is not alone in the decline for Belgian francs are over 120 to the £, the normal rate of exchange in this case being also 25.22½ to the £.

Meanwhile both Committees of experts appointed by the Reparations Commission is meeting and the points under discussion deal with the balancing of the German budget and the stabilisation of German money. This headlong fall of the franc has naturally caused a further sharp fall in French Government Loans. Regarding the big Japanese Loan referred to a week ago, it is now stated that the £25,000,000 was subscribed many times over.

The Loan of £30,000,000 raised in New York at the same time met with equal success, applications amounting to some £50,000,000 being received. The price of the loan is now 3 premium, that is three points above the issue price. It is fully expected that the quotation will go to at least 4 or 5 premium—possibly higher.

OUTLOOK BRIGHTER

Despite the immediate unsatisfactory labor position responsible opinion still inclines to the view that the trade outlook is undoubtedly brighter. A day or two ago Sir William H. Clarke, who is Controller-General of the Department of Overseas Trade, said that this was an age of organisation in trade and commerce, and the Government had now a Trade Department which covered the whole world overseas. The outlook for trade was better than it had been for some time past, provided that there was industrial peace. The year 1923 was no doubt a patchy year but exports were nearly fifty millions higher than in 1922. The figures of production in some of the basic trades were better than they had been for a long time past. There had been an improvement in some of the overseas markets, especially the more distant markets. Russia had been exporting to a much greater extent than last year and was beginning to enter once more into the trade markets. "I think one can safely say, subject to industrial peace here" added Sir William "that there is every prospect now that 1924 will be a still better year than 1923, which was certainly a better year than 1922, and it is beginning to look as if we were slowly climbing up out of the trough."

TRAFFIC PROBLEM

Interesting figures regarding London's traffic problem are supplied by the Underground Railways. So far all Underground traffic records have been beaten. During the past year one thousand 345 million passengers were carried by the trains on the Underground and the motor buses of the London General Omnibus Co. Even this colossal figure does not represent the total passengers carried by the Underground Group, as to it must be added the passengers of the motor buses and trams of the London and Suburban Traction Companies, which will bring the total number carried to 1,625,000,000. The 1,345,000,000 passengers represents an increase of 174,000,000 over the preceding year, and is the largest number of passengers ever carried in the history of the companies.

Statements attributed to the Chinese Economic Bulletin have appeared in the London Press suggesting that agreements had been arrived at with a British Company for the construction of three railways and that the Chinese Foreign Office was considering the agreements. Nothing seems to be known in London however about any such agreements.

COFFEE RISING

More attention is being paid just now to Brazil. This country has of course, been through very difficult times but now the exchange is improving. The economic position of Brazil is dependent to a very large extent upon coffee. The recent rise in the price of the commodity is looked upon very favourably and the latest monthly trade figures to hand are satisfactory. The question of supplies is also important and it is known that those of America and Europe have been steadily dwindling. If these are replenished at the higher prices now ruling, the advantages to be gained by Brazil are considerable.

There is a better feeling regarding the Shipping Industry. For this the prospect of the great exhibition at Wembley is partly responsible because a very large number of Colonial visitors are expected, in fact the companies already report heavy bookings. On account of the high cost of running steamers the margin of profit is slender. Therefore it has been decided by the various companies to make no reduction in fares for this exhibition. Heavy bookings are also reported from Australia and India as well as South Africa. With regard to the prospects of the freight market, these are also said to be improving but signs are not quite so apparent. Concerning Shipbuilding it is thought that the worst of the depression has passed—that is provided no fresh labor troubles crop up. There is a noticeable lack of armament work which normally provides a great deal of employment.

Another Industry in which prospects are said to be encouraging is the Motor business. Trade reports issued by the leading motor works read quite favorably and there is a tendency for the prices of cars to advance.

TOBACCO PROFITS

At the annual general meeting of the Imperial Tobacco Company held a few days ago, the Chairman, Sir George A. Wills, stated that the profits of the company for the past year were £7,474,686—an increase of £275,610. In the House of Commons on the following day the Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked if his attention had been called to these enormous profits, and if so, whether he would in the event of any reduction being contemplated in this Budget, negotiate with the companies for a reduction of the price of tobacco to the public. The Chancellor (Mr. Philip Snowden) significantly replied that he was aware of the profits shown by the Imperial Tobacco Company and that he had noted the suggestion regarding a reduction in price.

The production of pig iron in January amounted to 631,500 tons and was the best output for at least six months. For January, 1923 the total was 567,900 tons. The output of steel ingots and castings increased from 653,300 tons in December to 696,100 tons in January. Iron and steel shares have been neglected to a large extent but the present trade conditions suggest that there is scope for improvement.

COTTON TOO HIGH

There is very little change in the Cotton industry and according to the "Statist" any marked improvement seems unlikely until raw cotton values have been reduced to a lower level and achieve some measure of stability. There is little hope, however, of this condition being realised in the immediate future. There is not sufficient cotton at present to allow of the present world rate of consumption being maintained throughout the season." For the world's consumption this season there may be available 10½ million bales, which would compare with 12,700,000 bales American consumed last season. Reports are to the effect that the new American crop acreage will constitute a record, but the actual yield will, of course, be influenced by such factors as the boll-weevil and the immigration laws in addition to weather conditions.

RUBBER OVER-TAPPING

It might be to the advantage of the reader to briefly review the present Rubber position. There is a good deal of discussion going on at the present time regarding the question of the restriction of output. Cases for and against restriction are being keenly argued. What is a sore point with British producers is the non-adherence of the Dutch growers to the restriction scheme. The question of rubber production in the Dutch East Indies has lately been much to the fore owing to the fact that, while the output of Malaya and Ceylon has been substantially reduced under the restriction scheme, that of Java and Sumatra has undergone marked expansion.

In Dutch quarters it is asserted that the increased production of rubber is mainly due to reckless over-tapping by the small native holders. We believe that there is a lot of truth in this explanation. Rubber is now approximately 1s. 1½d. per lb. for first crepe and smoked sheet and it is fairly generally recognised that the price would have been at least 50 percent lower had the output not been restricted. The Port of London figures for the past week showed a welcome reduction in stocks which now stand at 57,147 tons.

Reflecting the dock strike it was not surprising that interest in Oil shares tailed off. With the settlement however, the leading Oil shares met with strong support and active dealings were recorded. A keen demand for Anglo-Persians is attributed to rumours regarding a rich strike of oil on a new field. No official confirmation is yet available but in well-informed quarters the shares are talked higher.

TIN STILL JUMPING

Since our last week's Letter the price of Tin has been very erratic and at one time rose to £285 per ton. There has however, been a reaction to £276 per ton but confidence is still expressed regarding the future of the metal. In comparison with other base metals the world's annual production of Tin appears quite small and is in the neighbourhood of 125,000 tons. As a matter of fact there is likely to be a small increase in this year's production from the Straits.

Further, the demand for the metal is steadily increasing especially from the United States because this is one of the base metals which the United States does not produce and therefore has to buy. America alone took 70,000 tons last year or an increase of 4,000 tons over the preceding year.

Reflecting the high price ruling for Tin it is only to be expected that efforts will be made to open up new Tin-bearing areas. This is already being done in certain parts of the Federated Malay States. Effects of the high price for tin are to be already seen in largely increased dividends for shareholders in Tin companies. As is well known Tin has always been the subject of considerable speculation and it is suggested that the surplus metal has always been in the hands of important dealers. Therefore it is argued that these dealers may have joined forces in order to bring about the big rise in price. This is rather on the lines we foreshadowed last week when we referred to the possibility of a corner in tin.

To the uninitiated a few facts and figures regarding the cost of joining the London Stock Exchange may be of interest. In order to become a member one has first of all to find three sureties, or guarantees, and then satisfy the Stock Exchange Committee of one's nationality. That is to say that the applicant must be a British subject. These preliminaries over, the candidate has to pay the entrance fee of £630 and one year's subscription which is another £105. It is then necessary to purchase at least three Stock Exchange shares at £102 each, that is another £306 and finally one nomination which costs £50. Thus it will be seen that the total cost of joining the London Stock Exchange is slightly below £1,100.

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Banks	Closing Quotations
Stock	
H. & S. Banks	H.$1,750 B.
Chartered	£19⅝
Russo-Asiatic	Nom
Marine Insurance	
Canton	H.$715 B.
North China	Tls. 140 B.
Union of Canton	H.$245
Yangtsze	H.$28½ B.
Far Eastern Ins.	Tls. 27
Fire Insurance	
China Fire	H.$145 B
Hongkong Fire	H.$520xdB.
Shipping	
Indo-China Def.	H.$133⅓
Indo-China Pref	H.$38½ B.
"Shell"	91/3
S'hai Tug ord.	Tls. 84 B.
S'hai Tug Pref	Tls. 51¼
H.C.&M.S.B.Co. Ltd	H.340 Sa.
Star Ferry	H.$86 B.
Mining	
Kaiping	Tls. 20¼ B.
Oriental Cons.	12/-
Raub	H.$5
Docks	
Hongkong Dock	H.$153 S.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 97 S.
New, Eng. Works	Tls. 5¼ B.
" Pref.	Tls. 5 S.
Wharves	
Shanghai Wharf	Tls. 191½ B.
Hongkong Wharf	H.$164 B.
Lands and Hotels	
China Realty ord.	Tls. 50
China Realty Pref.	Tls. 50
A.-French Land.	Tls. 117½ x.d.
Shanghai Land.	Tls. 117 B.
Hongkong Lands	H.$118 S.
Humphreys Estate	Tls. 24
Carlton Ltd	Tls. 53
H. & S. Hotel	H.$26 B.
Cotton Mills	
E-wo (ord.)	Tls. 11.40 B.
E-wo (pref.)	Tls. 106 B.
Laou-kung-mow	Tls. 8
Oriental	Tls. 5
	Old 61
Shanghai Cotton	New 26
Industrials	
Sutler Tiles	Tls. 25
China Sugar	H.$248xdB.
Green Island	H.$33¼ S.
Langkats	Tls. 20
Major Bros.	Tls. 5
Thai Sumatra	Tls. 104 B.
Stores	
Hall and Holts	Tls. 7 B.
Llewelyn	Tls. 25
Jane Crawford	Tls. 105 B.
Montrie	$70
Watson	H.$27 B.
Weeks	Tls. 11
Rubbers (local)	
Alma	Tls. 5½ B.
Amherst	Tls. 0.20 B.
Anglo-Java	Tls. 3.65 B.
Anglo-Dutch	Tls. 2 B.
ayer Tawah	Tls. 21.
Batu Anam 1918	Tls. 0.72½B.
Bute	Tls. 0.72½B.
Bukit Toh Alang	Tls. 1.07½ B.
Chemor United	Tls. 0.87½xdB.
Chempedak	Tls. 4½ B.
Cheng	Tls. 1¼
Consolidated	Tls. 2.22½ B.
Dominion	Tls. 1.85 B.
Gula Kalumpong	Tls. 8¼ B.
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Kali Glideks	Tls. 6.10 B.
Kapayang	Tls. 10
Karan	Tls. 3¾ B.
Kedah	Tls. 0.75 B.
Kota Bahree	Tls. 0.75 B.
Krosewoek Java	Tls. 12 B.
Padang	Tls. 5½
Pengkalan Durian	Tls. 0.87½ B.
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Shanghai Malay	Tls. 3
S'hai Malay pref.	Tls. 9
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 0.75
Sungala	Tls. 0.95 B.
Sungei Duri	Tls. 6¾ B.
Sua Manggis	Tls. 3 B.
S'hai Seremban	Tls. 0.75 S.
Taiping	Tls. 0.50
Tanah Merah	Tls. 0.55 B.
Tebong	Tls. 1 B.
Ulangbee	Tls. 2.90 B.
Miscellaneous	
C. I. & E. Lumber	Tls. 438
Culty Dairy	Tls. 12 S.
Shanghai-Trams	Tls. 16.40 B.
Shanghai Gas	Tls. 45
Horse Bazaar	Tls. 50 B.
S'hai Mercury	Tls. 20 B.
S'hai Telephone	Tls. 13 B.
S'hai Waterworks	Tls. 140
China Providents	H.$17 B.
H'kong Electrics	H.$35½ Sa.
H'kong Tramways	H.$28½ B.
Dairy Farm	H.$25½ B.
Hongkong Ropes	H.$67
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Lyons: Societe Generale pour Favoriser le Development du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
Milan: Credito Italiano.
Rome: Banco di Roma.
New York: Irving Bank—Columbia Trust Company.
San Francisco: The Crocker National Bank of San Francisco.

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WONG WEN KUANG.
Manager.

The Chinese American Bank of Commerce

Authorized Capital ..$10,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital .....$ 7,500,000.00

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L. ARDAYN,
Manager.

ARTIFICIAL SILK AND ITS USE ON MODERN TRADE

Called Only Basic Textile Shorn Of Antiquity Halo To-day

New York, Feb. 28.—In a talk before the members of the Textile School, Board of Education Bureau, Bertrand R. Clarke, vice president of Tubize Artificial Silk Co., explained the nature of the product and its place in modern commerce. He said, in part, as follows:—

"Artificial silk is the only basic textile yarn in general use today which does not wear the halo of antiquity. Its life, from the date of its discovery to the present time, is only a matter of thirty years; its general use by the public may be confined to the past twelve. If one contrasts the volume of its use today with all other known yarns, such as linen, cotton silk and wool, with their thousands of years behind them, the story is little short of marvelous.

"The public accepts articles made from or containing artificial silk, because of its economy and for the beautiful effects secured.

"Probably the least known but most fundamental fact about artificial silk is that there are as many different qualities and kinds of artificial silk as there are qualities and kinds of natural silk.

"The base of all artificial silk is cellulose, the fundamental part of all plant life, regardless of the method used in its manufacture, for artificial silk originates from some form of plant, and theoretically can be made from any substance in the vegetable kingdom. Chardonnet silk, better known as Tubize, is made from cotton exclusively because of its extremely strong resultant yarn.

"An enormous industry has grown up in our midst since the erection of the first artificial silk plant in America 12 or 13 years ago. Last year there was manufactured and consumed in the United States alone in excess of 25,000,400 pounds of artificial silk, while we imported slightly over 4,000,000 pounds, the bulk of which was re-exported in one form or another. The number of employes directly engaged in the manufacture of artificial silk in skein form is approximately 25,000 at the present time, while the number of those employed in the ultimate handling of the yarn, and products made therefrom, cannot be estimated because it is safe to assume that artificial silk today is in existence in the household of practically every inhabitant of this country and Europe.

"Velvet, plush, pile fabrics, millinery, ribbons, shirtings, dresses, braids, coffin linings, shoe laces, overcoat and suit linings, electric wire covering, suiting materials, hat lingings, umbrella coverings, underwear, shoe tops, webbing of all kinds, garters, arm bands, sweaters, belts, tie silks, brocades, upholstery fabrics, cigarette tips, fancy prints, satins, crepes, hosiery, embroidery, laces, bed spreads, pillow covers, hat bands, cigar bands, pajamas, draperies.

"Artificial silk is used in the above materials not only by itself, but in combination with cotton, mercerized cotton, wool, worsted, silk, and linen, either twisted or plated, adding many variations to the same article.

"From the enormous and diversified outlets artificial silk has carved for itself, the question very naturally arises, 'Why is artificial silk so universally used, and how is it possible for such a material to have gained such headway in so brief a space of time?'

1. It can be obtained in all civilised countries and the amount to be had is limited only by the capacity of man to make it.
2. In strength it equals the strongest of yarns.
3. In lustre and decorative effects it surpasses them all.
4. Its permanency has been well established, and its life is without measure.
5. It can be treated and used in countless ways and under every known condition.
6. When properly dyed, its color is fast and its depth of tone unparalleled.
7. It does not deteriorate or rot from perspiration.
8. When bleached, it never turns yellow but always remains white.
9. Being a manufactured article, it is today produced at a cost which places it well within the reach of the entire buying public instead of a limited few."

Rubber Prices

Messrs. J. A. Wattie and Co. have received the following telegram dated 2nd inst. from their Singapore Agents:

Singapore Market (Buyers' prices).
April 42⅞ cents
May/June 43¾ cents
July/Sept. 44¾ cents
July/Dec. 45¼ cents
Market firm with upward tendency.
London quotation 1/—½
Market firm.

Hongkong Shares

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts are in receipt of the following quotations by cable from our Hongkong Office yesterday:

Hongkong Lands	Buyers H.$117
Cements	,, H.$ 33
Banks	,, H.$1,160
Sugars	Sales H.$248 X.D.

Others unchanged.

Freight Movements

Following is the weekly report of Messrs. Wheelock and Co. relative to the freight market:

There is nothing of interest report about the state of our export market to Europe or America and it is even more stagnant today than it was a fortnight ago, if such a thing were possible!

Coastwise:—The port of Newchwang opened to navigation on the 20th ulto. and Antung is expected to open in a few days but so far there has been very little business done probably due to congestion in the southern ports where large stocks of beans and beancake are still on hand, held up in consequence of the strike in Canton and political troubles at Amoy.

Gula-Kalumpong, Ltd.

Messrs. Ilbert and Co., Ltd., the local Secretaries of the Gula-Kalumpong Rubber Estates, Ltd., are in receipt of the following telegram from their Penang Agents:

Output of dry rubber for March, 1924, 66,000 lbs.
Shipped 63,889 lbs.
Cocoanuts 700,000 nuts.
Rainfall 15½ inches.

行業證交

The Bank of East Asia Ltd.

SHANGHAI BRANCH
No. 1C Kiukiang Road.

Authorised Capital	$10,000,000.00
Paid up Capital	$ 5,000,000.00
Reserved Fund	$ 750,000.00

HEAD OFFICE: Hongkong.
BRANCHES: Canton, Saigon,
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Interest allowed on current deposits and fixed deposits.
Loans granted on approved securities.

R. CHENG.
Manager.

Commercial Bank of China

Head Office: SHANGHAI.

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Subscribed Capital	5,000,000
Paid-Up Capital	2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 percent per annum on daily balance. On fixed deposits:—
For 3 months at 3% per annum.
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H. C. MARSHALL,
Chief Manager.

Sino-Italian Bank

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Aut. Cap. Gold It. Lire 16,000,000
Paid up Capital .. Silver $1,200,000
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Reserves ..... Silver $150,000
Head Office: Shanghai,
Branches:
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Bankers:
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Tel. C. Nos. 5090 and 5091
Managers' Office Central 5094.

C. MARMONT,
General Manag.

Chinese and Foreign Banking Announcements

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N. S. MARSHALL, Manager.
1A Kiukiang Road, Shanghai.

The Bank of China

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1920

Authorised Capital	$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	$19,700,100.00
Reserve Fund	$ 6,033,345.41

Head Office: Peking
Branches and Agencies:

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Tsingtao	Yangchow	Chungking

etc., etc. etc.
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22 The Bund

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SUNG HAN-CHANG.
Manager.

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M. J. HERBSCHLEB,
Manager.

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(Established in 1916)

Subscribed Capital $2,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital $1,500,000.00
Reserve Fund $250,000.00

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27 Jinkee Road
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Telephone Numbers ... C. 1939 Manager's Office. C. 6468) C. 6469) General Office. C. 6470) C. 5620 T. T. Department.

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CANTON	Hangchow	Pengpu	Yangchow
CHANGCHUN	Hongkong	Shaoshing	

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Y. B. Sun, Manager.
T. D. Zar, Sub-Manager.

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Reserved Fund $000,000.00
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Banking Department C. 8460
Foreign Exchange Dept. C. 7419
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DEATH

CHRISTIE—On the 2nd April, 1924, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Elizabeth Auguste Wilhelmine (nee Schneider), beloved wife of H. Christie, Messrs Butterfield and Swire, and mother of Mrs. Bruce S. Jenkins, aged 54 years. The funeral will take place at the Bubbling Well Cemetery today, Friday, at 4 p.m. All friends are invited to attend. Japan papers please copy.
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The American Chamber's Annual Report

TWO important points in the annual report of the Chairman and Board of Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce of Shanghai deserve special attention: One is that the largest group of American business men in China still has faith in the efficacy of America's traditional policies toward China and the other point is that while adhering to this belief there is nevertheless a feeling that America must get down to essentials and deal intelligently with the China situation as it actually exists.

The Chairman's report started out by discussing the situation of China as it existed a year ago and quoted the official spokesman of the Chinese Government last summer to the effect that measures were being adopted whereby the lives, property and interests of foreigners "will enjoy added security." Then taking up the situation which has developed during the year the Chairman stated that in spite of assurances made a year ago that banditry and atrocities by unrestrained soldiery would be stopped, "it has continued unabated; Nine foreigners have been killed and at least fifty others have been subjected to kidnappings and persecutions, during the year," he said.

A considerable part of an unofficial letter written by Secretary of State Hughes to a member of the Republican National Committee dealing with the China situation was read which showed that the Administration in Washington is giving attention to China and that while America is still adhering to its traditional policies, it has been necessary however to adopt certain protective measures designed to cope with the serious situation which has developed since the Washington Conference. According to Secretary Hughes, "The Far Eastern policy followed by the Administration in connection with the Conference remains unaltered in its main objective and has in its application been modified only to the extent necessitated by the changes which have meanwhile taken place in China itself. . . Under these circumstances the application of our Far Eastern policy to the situation in China has had necessarily to take into account conditions created by the almost complete disintegration of administrative authority and of the sense of political responsibility on the part of those nominally in control of affairs in China."

"America remains friendly to China," stated the Chairman, "and when we see the Chinese people are taking definite steps to bring about orderly government and stable conditions in China, and when we see improvements actually taking place, China will find the United States, as always, most friendly, altruistic and ready to help." But while expressing this friendly sentiment the Chairman said that it was not to be taken by the present leaders of China that altruism means weakness or that the helpful resolutions of the Washington Conference were to be interpreted as an abrogation of foreign treaty rights in China "as the military-minded leaders of China seem to think." Altruism does not mean that we intend to sit calmly by and witness the murder and persecution of our citizens at the hands of the militarists and bandits without protest or the adoption of protective measures, the Chairman declared.

Permanent improvement for China can come only through education and in this connection the Chamber expressed appreciation of the work which is now being done through the Y.M.C.A. which is known as the "Mass Education Movement." This consists in the teaching of illiterates 1,000 of the simpler Chinese characters which at least will supply them with a means for gaining some first hand information. In connection with the subject of illiteracy the Chairman in his address stated that while all are now agreed upon the principle of China's political and administrative integrity, the eyes of the world can not be closed to the fact that the country is at least ninety percent illiterate and that nine out of every ten persons in China are barred from first hand information regarding current happenings affecting the interests of the country and its people. As long as this condition exists and as long as development in China in the fields of the industries and transportation remain in their present primitive condition, China can not expect to enjoy all of the privileges of other nations where civilisation as we know it is developed to a higher status.

As long as these conditions exist in China, China must have the friendly help of outside nations otherwise a situation may develop which may menace the peace of the entire world, was one significant statement of the report, which concluded with a friendly reciprocation from the standpoint of the American Chamber of offers of co-operation extended at recent meetings of the British Chambers of Commerce in China.

The report of the American Chamber for this year should go a considerable way in making plain the ideas of at least one section of the foreign commercial community respecting the China situation, and its frankness should carry weight among the commercial classes of the Chinese upon whom the hopes for better conditions in the future so largely depend. To quote again from the extract from Secretary Hughes' letter contained in the report.

"It is not possible for the Powers to create a government for China or to substitute with any hope of success a government through their own agencies. The utmost which they may hope to do is to bring the Chinese authorities to a realisation of their responsibilities and give such assistance (even though it should be against the will of certain elements in Chinese politics which hope to profit by a continuance of disorder and corruption) as will tend to stabilise the finances and transportation services of the Chinese Government and thereby bring about conditions of order and security which may offer a less difficult set of conditions in which the Chinese people may develop an effective administration of their own."

Press Registration

THE decision of the Municipal Council again to bring before the ratepayers the question of the registration of printers and publishers again raises a point about which there has already been much controversy. It has always been a fact that interference with the liberty of the press has been watched with the utmost keenness by Anglo-Saxon peoples amongst whom the fight for original freedom in this respect was most bitterly contested. And in years past when this matter has been under consideration the fear of undue interference has undoubtedly strengthened the support given to those who for one reason or another sought to defeat the measure. As we read the proposed by-law we must confess to finding nothing objectionable in it. It does not call for the licensing of the press, but merely asks that all those engaged in this business shall be duly registered with their consuls, or if they have none with the Municipal Council. That and the provision for the printing of the name and address of the publisher together with a statement as to the penalty to be imposed constitute the whole of the proposed by-law, and as we have said there is nothing objectionable in the measure.

While it does not go so far as the original proposals of the council, and fails to give that degree of control over certain sections of the trade which it was originally desired to obtain, registration itself should enable the authorities to preserve some sort of check as to who is not engaged in the business. Nor can we see any hardship whatever that can be done to any reputable printing establishment by the fact that it must be registered. Certainly no power is thereby vested in the Council for no question of licence is involved, and on the face of it so long as registration is effected and the clause relating to the provision of an imprint is obeyed, the press will be as free from interference as it ever was.

There can only be one of two reasons for opposition to the proposed by-law. And both of them are unfortunate. Those who desire to continue the publication of scurrilous and seditious pamphlets will naturally object to having their names attached, and so also will those who have no particular reason to be proud of the printing they produce. Except for these two points we can see no reason whatever why reputable printers should not be registered. The Council, thereby, acquires no judicial control over them and except by ordinary processes of law cannot secure the infliction of any punishment, or interfere with the normal conduct of their business.

The Menace To Shipping

AT last the lethargy in official circles in Great Britain usually distinguishing their outlook on matters affecting the Colonies is being dissipated by the fierce light of publicity. The London message published today in which we are advised that Viscount Curzon, in the House of Commons, drew attention to what he described as the alarming increase in piracy in South China waters is one of the most heartening pieces of information flashed over the wires for a long time, for it furnishes a distinct indication that the Imperial Government is disposed to pause from the preoccupations of European politics to devote some attention to vital issues farther afield. Viscount Curzon, in unambiguous terms, impresses on the Home Government that the merchant shipmasters and officers consider the piracy regulations of the Hongkong Government useless, and imparts the significant information that a large British shipping company is anxious to install wireless in its ships as a safeguard but is prevented by the Government regulation dealing with the nationality of the operators to be engaged.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to Viscount Curzon, says that the Governor's report will, without doubt, deal with the question of wireless, and the applicability of the regulation mentioned to Hongkong waters can then be further considered. The subject of wireless just at present looms large in Hongkong politics. Questions connected with wireless development have occupied the attention of the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce during the year just past from several aspects. The chairman, at the annual meeting of the Chamber the other day, expressed satisfaction that practically all the naval vessels on the China Station are now fitted with wireless, and the Colony is indebted in no small measure to Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson for the interest he has taken in this matter. But the Chamber has had occasion to comment on the fact that these vessels still have an inadequate wireless staff, which means that wireless communication cannot be maintained throughout the 24 hours—a severe handicap. It is a fact to be noted with pleasure, in regard to the continual interruption of the land lines to Canton, that the Commodore in Hongkong is prepared to sanction the transmission of private messages by naval wireless, when the ordinary methods of communication have broken down, provided the messages are forwarded through the Chamber.

Shipping men generally will be glad to learn that since the arrival in Hongkong of the Government's adviser on wireless questions—Mr. L. H. King—considerable improvements have been made at Cape d'Aguilar. A large quantity of the most up-to-date wireless gear has been ordered from Home, and will be installed before the end of the year. Cape d'Aguilar will then be able to guarantee a radius of 1,000 miles, and probably a 2,000 miles radius will be attainable. Hongkong will then be in constant wireless communication with Manila, Singapore and Shanghai. At the present time the station is communicating with Canton, Kwang Chow Wan and Swatow, and could handle double the amount of traffic now offering. New masts to replace those destroyed by typhoon last year are expected to be in position next May. Meanwhile, with two temporary 70 ft. masts, communication is being constantly maintained with stations and ships a very considerable distance away. It must be remembered that the distances at which communication is possible with steamers depend entirely on the power of the apparatus carried by the steamer. If the steamer's apparatus has a range of only 100 miles, the steamer is cut off from Cape d'Aguilar beyond that distance. Since January 1, the station has established communication with 33 ships at over 1,000 miles, 6 ships at over 1,250 miles, 1 ship at over 1,800 miles and 1 ship (the Laconia) at over 2,000 miles.

So far as the Regulations under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance are concerned, the Hongkong Chamber responded to the request of the Government by giving its views on the draft Regulations; but the Chamber wishes it to be clearly understood that it does not regard the Ordinance, with its provision of grilles, guards, extensive and expensive alterations to construction of existing vessels, as the final word in the fight against piracy. The Chamber regards it only as a measure which, if carried out as far as is reasonably practicable, will serve to minimise the danger. One of the most pressing requirements in connection with the campaign against piracy is, without doubt, the installation of an adequate system of wireless communication, and it will, therefore, be interesting to see what the British Government proposes to do to meet a grave menace that constitutes a direct challenge to the unfettered conduct of legitimate trading operations in Far Eastern waters.

M. Poincare's Policy

THE result of the recent political crisis has been exactly what we foretold it would be, namely, a strengthening of M. Poincare's position and his firm re-establishment in the seat of government. Indeed by the action he took last week the French Premier in fact obtained an expression of confidence which he had some doubt of obtaining in the Senate of the Chamber of Deputies by ordinary means. In his ministerial declaration M. Poincare reiterated the chief points of his policy, announced a continuation of the occupation of the Ruhr until Germany fulfilled her obligations, and insisted on financial reform as the main point of his domestic policy.

This definite intimation that the policy of his former government would be continued was received with only lukewarm enthusiasm in both houses. This may be for a number of reasons, but the chief seems to be that while the members do not particularly care for the financial arrangements made by the old Cabinet, and in fact have already opposed them bitterly enough, they have, in view of the present condition of foreign affairs to accept M. Poincare's domestic policy in order that he may remain in control of the negotiations proceeding with the Allies on the whole subject of reparations.

In any event it is clear that M. Poincare who has to face a general election before the middle of next month realises that one of the main factors contributing towards his continuance in office, is the attitude of the Germans. For throughout he has adopted a firmness towards them which has never failed to commend itself to the French, who desire most of all at the present moment a premier who will see that Germany pays as much as can be extracted from her towards the liquidation of her liabilities arising out of the war, and will take all the necessary steps to prevent a recurrence of further attacks upon France. It is significant in this respect that the German People's Party at its meeting in Hanover to prepare for the forthcoming elections in Germany, announced itself in favor of the restoration of German power under a democratic monarchy.

It is inconceivable that any political party in any country would adopt such a platform if there were any danger of its proving unpopular with the electorate. And it is to be assumed that Herr Stresemann was more or less assured of the popularity of such a policy before he decided to commit his party to it. Should Herr Stresemann carry the day at the polls, it is clear that the only adequate French reply would be the return of M. Poincare and his party in the French elections, for if we read the temper of the French people aright they are not likely to overlook any means of ensuring adequate protection against the aspirations of a Germany which desires to regain its former power under a monarchy.

The re-establishment of such in Germany is and will be for some time to come fraught with danger to the rest of Europe, for by the crystallisation of chauvinistic ambitions in a monarchy we may see the subordination of domestic questions to the necessities of foreign policy.

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I DO THAT
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-:- Correspondence -:-

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Editor, THE CHINA PRESS

Dear Sir,—The comparative figures published for the third quarters of 1923 and 1924 are interesting data for consideration.

I. Effective Receipts:
1924—$586,659.31
1923—$544,489.89

Increase over last year $42,169.42 or roughly 8 percent.

Query: Do the above amounts include sales of season tickets?

II. Passengers carried:
1923—31,726,266
1924—31,059,208

Less this year 567,658 or roughly 1.8 percent.

Query: Do the above figures include the season ticket holders and such as don't pay, due to over-crowdedness and the consequent impossibility of conductors collecting fares?

III. Car Miles run:
1924—1,495,232
1923—1,448,123

Increase over last year 447,109 or roughly 3¼ percent.

Query: Do the above figures include the car miles run by "reserved cars" for the Company's own purposes?

In conjunction with the above let us consult the Municipal Report of 1923, page 31. We read "The Company's rolling stock has been increased by 2 Railless Cars during the year and is as under:—

	1923.	1924
Motors	90	90
Trailers	90	90
Railless Cars	14	12

In Tokio there were, after the earthquake, 800 cars in use, and that was considered absolutely inadequate, although the population had decreased to about 1½ million as compared to over 2 millions in the pre-earthquake days. Considering that the International Settlement of Shanghai has about 1 million population, and also the fact that the lines 8, 9, and 2 serve partly the French Concession (the French Bund), and line 2 partly Chapei, (North Szechuen Road Extension), we see how hopelessly inadequate our Tram Service is. There should be 600 and not 90 motors to meet our requirements to travel in comfort.

Owing to the Cars being used so excessively and also carrying heavier loads than they were built for, the natural consequence is that many have to be in "Hospital" for patching up a bit, which reduces still further the effective number of cars in service.

We have been promised year after year improvements, but instead things go from bad to worse. The Great War can no longer be accepted as an excuse for the company not having enough rolling stock, and with money it can get any number of motors now. Who are the sufferers of this system of false economy? Certainly in the first place the travelling public and it is time to kick, now that the revenue of the company has been considerably increased, and the public has to bear the depreciation of the copper currency, no matter even if silver is tendered in payment of fares, for which incidentally one gets penalised to the extent of 5 or 10 coppers, as the case may be, an additional squeeze for the benefit of the conductor. If the present capital of the company is insufficient to tackle the improvements which are a crying need, there are certainly enough people who would willingly subscribe towards a Public Utility Corporation.

In spite of the fact that there has been little done to improve the Service the increased number of accidents through the tram cars is surprising:—

1923—700
1922—535

Increased 165 or 30 percent within a year. These are of course the reported cases only, those not reported are perhaps many times more. And to what are these accidents due? To over-crowding of the cars for one thing, and lack of care for another thing. The conductors are often so jammed by the excessive number of passengers, that they are simply not in a position to signal to the drivers. These conditions are appalling, and what is going to be done about it? The only remedy is an increased number of cars. Are we to continue to have deaf ears turned to our complaints and for how long? Safety first! It is all very well to put up such notices, why is there for instance no tramway official or a police officer on the north end of the Garden Bridge to supervise traffic? Motor cars dash along when trams are at standstill, as there is nobody there to give the stop signal. I wonder how many accidents happen at this danger zone daily?

Thanking you for the space, I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly
H. Kliene.

Shanghai, April 2, 1924.

Our Literary Column

EXCERPTS FROM GREAT WRITERS

By Mathy

THE PROPHECY OF LOVE

The beginnings of life are always hidden in mystery; for there is something divine in all births. At the starting point of life, as at its finish, there are clouds and darkness. Out of the mystery of infinity and eternity we come, and into the mystery of infinity and eternity we go, and there is neither beginning nor end within the range of our vision. When the light first rests on us, we are already shaped and fashioned; the mystery of birth has been accomplished; the mystery of growth remains.

When the slender blade breaks the soil and lifts its fragile stem to the sun, the protecting darkness, which unfolded its escape from the hardness of the seed and the faint stirring of its first instinctive endeavour toward the light, has vanished. For a little time it lives and thrives and ripens in the open, with the free heavens above it and the searching winds cherishing its sweetness or beating its fibre into strength and comeliness; and then, yielding up its life in the multiplying of lives like its own, it sinks back into the darkness and the earth receives it again into the mystery from which it emerged.

And so the tide of beauty and fertility perpetually ebbs and flows from the unseen to the unseen, and the miracle of life hastening to death and death sowing the seeds of life is wrought under the chill of the wintry stars and the soft splendour of the summer skies.

We, too, have our roots hidden in the soil of life; for us, as for the flower, there is the warm nourishing of the sun and the stern wrestling with the wind, and then comes the silence and the mystery. Like the bird in the legend, we suddenly emerge from the night into the hall where there is the blaze of fire and the glow of lights, and then we vanish again into the refuge of darkness, and nothing remains save a brief memory of delicate or vigorous wings and a song that throbbed for an hour and died into silence. Out of mystery, across a little space of brightness, into mystery: that is the story of earthly life. It is a leaf in a book which we read by the glow of a brief candle; a story of which a single chapter is legible; a journey of which but one stage is accomplished in our sight; a drama without a prologue, and the epilogue of which is spoken on a vaster stage.

As the beauty of the tree, in the strength of its symmetry and the knitting together of its structure, in the reach and delicacy of its foliage, in the sweetness of its brief flowering and the richness of its fruitage, has its source and fountain in the hidden beginnings of its life and is but the unfolding of that which lay unrevealed in the secret place of its birth, so the strong and tender and powerful forces of our nature, the capacities for devotion, sacrifice, heroism, the passion for purity and peace, the divine energy of growth, which give the brief record of life here its unspeakable pathos and splendor, have their roots far back in the divine world out of which we come and to which we go.

No searching, however ardent and tireless, has laid bare the sources of life; no accuracy or delicacy of instrument has done more than carry the light a little further back and uncover a little more of the mystery that becomes ever more mysterious. If by searching God cannot be found, neither by searching can the birth of the soul be uncovered. Because we are His children, born of His will, bearing His image, partakers of His thought, educated in His school to enter into His life, no hand will ever be laid on the place where we were born, and the sacredness of our souls will be protected for ever by an impenetrable mystery of light; for there is a privacy of light as well as of darkness, and the glory of the Lord is as baffling to the irreverent eyes that search without love as are the clouds and darkness which surround His throne.

More Truth Than Poetry

BY S. E. KISER

Yesterday was not so good to me,
Things I had hoped to do were left undone;
The world was drab, or so it seemed to be,
Among the bruised and beaten I was one.
In many ante-rooms I cooled my heels,
While others won the favors that I sought;
If men whose luck was good enjoyed their meals,
No pearls were in the oysters that I got.
I had no cordial greeting anywhere,
As yesterday I made my weary round;
I hunted hard for prospects that were fair
And blundered always on forbidden ground.
Suspicion seemed to be in every glance,
That men whose time was precious cast my way;
I looked in vain for any lucky chance
And any sign of promise—yesterday.

But yesterday was not a total loss;
There was some useful practice that I had
In standing bravely up beneath my cross
And fighting through conditions that were bad.
I learned, I think, to be a little more
Adept in keeping back unbidden sighs;
My sympathy is deeper than before
For beaten men with dimmed and weary eyes.

And now it is today again—TODAY,
With chances that are still untried and new!
I may not find an unobstructed way
In which to seek the fortunes I pursue.
But yesterday is gone, and I can start
To-day without regret and unashamed;
I have not let rebuffs crowd from my heart
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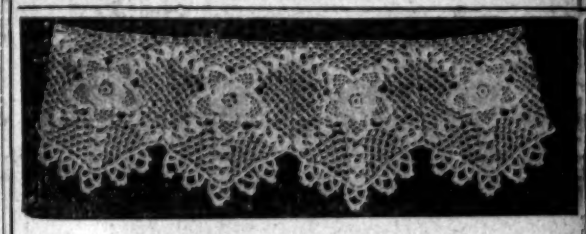
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Hongkong Jury Brings In Verdict Of Murder In Tai Lee Piracy Inquiry

Make Very Strong Recommendations To Government Of Colony In Lengthy Finding

The enquiry into the death of Capt. Willox, of the steamer Tai Lee, concluded in Hongkong on March 28, when a jury comprising Messrs. H. R. B. Hancock (foreman), F. A. Perry and A. F. D. Silva Netto returned a verdict of wilful murder against the boatswain, the assistant boatswain and other persons unknown.

Mr. W. B. Hidn spoke at length on the viewpoint of the China Coast Officers and Marine Engineers Guilds with regard to anti-piracy measures, after which the Coroner summed up.

In concluding, the Coroner said the jury might desire to make some comments on the conduct of the ship's officers and men on the occasion of the piracy. On that point he proposed to say little. The conduct of the guards on duty appeared to have been excellent. The two inside the grill did their best until they were wounded, and the third was shot down before he had time to do anything. As regards the officers, the jury must remember that this affair was shown to have been as much a mutiny as a piracy, since several members of the crew were in League with the pirates. That they had not carried out the regulations had been admitted by the Chief Officer, but whether they could have done more to resist the attack when it came, was for the jury to say.

LIEUT BEAUCHAMP'S MEMORANDUM

In connection with the last two issues, the Coroner read a memorandum drawn up by Lieut. Beauchamp, Naval Intelligence Officer, in his position as representing the naval authorities, at the request of the Commander in Chief. The memorandum was as under:

"Piracy Regulations.—We heard a good deal of evidence as to whether grills, etc., were kept locked. The old Regulations laid down many Rules as to grills but omitted to say anything should be kept locked. The fact that a similar omission has been made in the new regulations, and not so far corrected does not seem greatly to the credit of those concerned.

The new Regulations, however, cover many of the points where the old ones failed—notably no passengers within the grilled area of the bridge—proper protection to the engine-room, etc.

The evidence has shewn that none of the officers carried arms. This is in defiance of Regulation 32, about which there can be no question. The omission renders the owners liable to forfeit $5,000 bond.

The conditions under which officers are called upon to serve in these ships are such that the ordinary cleanliness, discipline and efficiency of a British ship cannot be maintained by them. The fact that they are on a 24 hours agreement makes their position so insecure that many do not take any trouble to exercise command over the ships which are entirely in the hands of pilot, boatswain and compradore.

It is impossible to expect the conditions outlined above to attract men capable of carrying out the Regulations, or by their personal influence of rendering their ships unpopular with pirates. At present the owners regard British Officers as a necessary evil which must be made to cost as little as possible and they will not hesitate to dismiss a good man who does not fall in with their ideas, and put in his place anyone from the water front who will privately agree to take less wages than the Guild rate.

I consider that on board the s.s. Tai Lee there was no attempt at discipline and command by European Officers, that the officers were neither prepared to resist piracy or mutiny, nor capable of doing so, that had they been willing to take command of their ship and see the Regulations efficiently carried out they would have received no encouragement from their owners, and probably have rendered themselves liable to summary dismissal, and that unless the owners are deprived of their bond for breaches of the Regulations under the Ordinance they will never find it worth their while to keep good officers. Unless pay conditions and compensation are made attractive, good officers cannot be expected to stay in river steamers. Unless you have good officers in river steamers you will never get the Regulations carried out.

It is the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief that the Regulations are sufficient when combined with efficient police measures and reasonable discipline, determination and co-operation on the part of the officers to put a stop to piracy."

THE JURY'S VERDICT

The jury, after consultation, brought in the following verdict, which was read out by Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, the foreman:

1. Our verdict is one of wilful murder against the bosun, the assistant bosun and persons unknown.

2. Searching before the vessel sailed would seem to have been carried out as efficiently as circumstances permitted, but it was quite possible for arms to be secreted on board without arousing suspicion, especially at Wongmoon, where, we understand, no search took place. The present searching in force at Hongkong is not at all adequate.

3. There was considerable slackness over the anti-piracy regulations by the ship's officers and crew. None of the officers carried arms, and the ships arms and ammunition were locked up in a steel box in the Captain's cabin, the key of which was always in his possession. All rockets, Very lights, etc., were kept locked in a steel box on the bridge, the key of which was held by the Captain. Nothing was in readiness and it was impossible as things were to give any call for help at all. Carelessness is evident in connection with the closing of the main deck stokehold entrance: no proper supervision. The lower grills were left open when the ship was leaving Wongmoon. Some of the ship's revolvers were stolen when the Tai Lee was in dock after the typhoon of last year from a locked drawer in the Captain's cabin. We consider this carelessness. These revolvers were of the same calibre and type as those used by the pirates, and the bullet produced in Court and taken from the body of Capt. Willox was of the same calibre. We think the pirates undoubtedly knew there was a general air of slackness on board. The dodgers abaft the bridge were not closed. Why?

NOT CONDUCIVE TO EFFICIENCY

4. The ship's European complement appear to have given in at the first warning of pirates on board. They did not seem either anxious or willing to assist in suppressing them. Being unarmed, this was doubtless the only course open to them. It is impossible, however, to call upon them to defend their ships under these circumstances unless they are engaged upon better terms of service and given such control over their ships as exercised by a British master over a British ship. We are strongly of the opinion that the present terms of engagement, namely, 24 hours notice, does not conduce to efficiency. We think the Government should call on the Harbor Master to put forward such recommendations for the improvement of the service which will attract capable and efficient officers. It is impossible to expect officers to serve in these ships under present conditions unless they are given suitable rates of pay and provision is made in case of death or disablement. We think that possibly of rockets, etc. had been ready in position for firing some warning and call for assistance might have been made. There is much conflicting evidence with regard to the Chinese members of the crew, but the fact that several were seen during the piracy, armed and assisting the pirates and were missing after the pirates had left the vessel and have never been heard of since, point to some of them being involved. We were not at all impressed by the evidence given by the ship's carpenter and pilot. We are definitely of the opinion that the bosun and his assistant were involved and that he was one of the ringleaders.

5. We understand that the owners are under a $5,000 bond to carry out the regulations. As they were broken in this case we recommend the Government to enforce the bond.

6. With regard to the Indian guards we consider they did their duty, but the present system of employment is unsatisfactory. The Captain should have more control over the guards, who at present, are almost entirely under the Captain Superintendent of Police.

7. We feel very strong that compensation should be paid to the dependents of Capt. Willox.

COLLABORATION WITH CHINA

8. We consider that the Government anti-piracy regulation, if conscientiously carried out by the owners, masters and officers of ships, will only help to lessen the danger, and that more effective measures of dealing with the question are necessary. We notice, in passing, that under the regulation no mention is made that the grills should be locked. Whilst recognising, in principle, the question of resistance, we are strongly of the opinion, that where ships officers are wounded or killed in repelling a piratical attack provision for their dependents must be made.

One of the most important points to be considered is that of search which, though at present carried out as efficiently as circumstances permit, is, in our opinion, totally inadequate to deal with the situation. Some new scheme, such as a central depot, where a far larger staff must be employed, and where more control can be exercised, appears to us to call for immediate consideration. This is, however, not by any means the solution of the difficulty. It is fairly probable that some, at any rate, of these piracies are organised in this Colony and the pirates take refuge in neighboring Chinese territory after the deed is done. None of them have been brought to justice, and the only way, we think, this can be done is by collaboration with the Chinese authorities in Canton. We cannot help thinking that some working arrangement could and should be come to with the Chinese Customs authorities, and or the police in Canton, which would work to the mutual advantage of both places. In this connection we think steps should be taken by the local Government to communicate with the police at Canton to endeavor to apprehend the bosun and other members of the crew who escaped. Punitive measures should be adopted against the pirates in the locality in which they landed. This, we consider, of the greatest importance.

We think that the present system of military patrols in force on one boat of a convoy might be extended to each boat.

Finally we recommend the strengthening of the service of naval patrols in the Canton delta, and that all passenger ships sailing out of Hongkong must be provided with wireless and carry at least one efficient wireless operator.

The Coroner thanked the jury for their services.

Shipping Items

SOUTHERN PORTS

The B. & S. s.s. Hanyang is due in Shanghai from Hongkong today.

The B. & S. s.s. Shansi is expected in Shanghai from Hongkong and Sawtow today.

The P. and O. s.s. Soudan is expected to leave Hongkong on April 5 at daylight for Shanghai.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir is expected to leave Hongkong on Saturday afternoon for Shanghai.

The C.M. s.s. Kwangtah left Hongkong Wednesday night and is expected to arrive in Shanghai Sunday.

NORTHERN PORTS

The C.M. s.s. Yushan left Chefoo yesterday morning and is expected to arrive in Shanghai this morning.

INDIAN LINES

The P. & O. s.s. Mirzapore is expected to leave Singapore today for Shanghai.

The P. and O. s.s. Plassy is expected to leave Colombo Saturday for Shanghai.

JAPAN PORTS

The N.Y.K. s.s. Takeshima Maru is due in Shanghai from Moji is due in Shanghai Yokohama on April 5.

The N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru from Moji is due in Shanghai on the today and is expected to sail Saturday.

The N.Y.K. s.s. Nagasaki Maru from Nagasaki is due to arrive here Thursday and is expected to return to Nagasaki today.

The N.Y.K. s.s. Iyo Maru is due in Shanghai from Nagasaki on Sunday and will sail for Hongkong on the following day.

EUROPEAN LINES

The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir sailed from London at 3 p.m. on February 29, and is expected in Shanghai about April 7.

The P. and O. s.s. Plassy left London at 5 p.m. on March 14 and is expected to arrive in Shanghai about April 21.

The Glen Line s.s. Glengarry is expected to arrive in Shanghai from London on April 21.

The S.E. s.s. Sumatra from Gothenburg is due to arrive in Shanghai some time this month.

The S.E. s.s. Benares which left Gothenburg March 13 is expected to arrive in Shanghai April 28.

The S.E. s.s. Ceylon from Gothenburg which left Hamburg February 7 is due to arrive in Shanghai April 8.

The S.E. s.s. Nippon which left Gothenburg for Shanghai is expected to arrive here April 16.

The B. & S. s.s. Rhesus which left Singapore on last Friday for Hongkong and Shanghai is due here today.

The N.D.L. s.s. Coblenz which left Hongkong Tuesday is due in Shanghai on Friday.

The Norwegian Africa and Australia Line s.s. America from Christiana and ports left Singapore Monday and is expected to arrive in Shanghai about April 8.

The P. and O. Khiva left London on April 28 at 6 p.m. for Shanghai.

The Blue Funnel s.s. Rhesus is expected to arrive from Liverpool this morning at nine o'clock.

AMERICAN LINES

The Robert Dollar sailing vessel Janet Dollar sailed from Vancouver January 31 and is due to arrive in Shanghai some time this month.

The Robert Dollar s.s. Stanley from Seattle is expected to arrive in Shanghai on April 14.

The Dollar s.s. Stanley Dollar left Portland on March 5 and is due in Shanghai around April 14.

The C.P.S. s.s. Empress of Australia was due to leave Vancouver on last Thursday and is expected in Shanghai via Japan ports on April 7.

The Adl. O. Line s.s. President Jefferson was due to leave Seattle last Friday, and arrives in Shanghai via Yokohama and Kobe on April 7.

The Dollar s.s. President Monroe sailed from New York on March 20 and is expected to arrive in Shanghai via Panama and San Francisco on May 6.

The Dod. s.s. Marie Marsk is due in Shanghai from Vancouver on April 14.

The Dollar s.s. M.S. Dollar is to leave San Francisco for the Orient on May 8.

The Dollar s.s. President Polk, sailed from New York on March 6 left San Francisco on March 29 and is expected in Shanghai on April 22.

The Dollar s.s. President Garfield, from New York on February 21 and San Francisco on March 15, was due to leave Honolulu Saturday afternoon, and arrives in Shanghai via Kobe on April 8.

The Columbia Pacific s.s. Dewey from Portland is due to arrive in Shanghai today and sail for Portland via Hongkong and Manila April 7.

The Columbia Pacific s.s. Anna E. Morse from Portland is due to arrive in Shanghai April 18 and expected to leave for Portland via Tsingtau, Takubar and Dairen April 20.

The Columbia Pacific s.s. Wawalona from Portland is due to arrive in Shanghai April 12 and expected to sail for Portland via Tsingtau, Takubar and Dairen on 13.

The C.P.O.S. s.s. Empress of Russia is due from Manila and Hongkong at four o'clock Saturday afternoon. The liner will come up the river and dock at the China Merchants' lower wharf. She will sail for Seattle the following day at 9 a.m.

Weather Reports

Apr. 2.—Anticyclone near Lake Baikal; secondary maximum on Central Nippon. There distinct low centres one in Tongking, one between Fukien and Formosa, the 3 one in Kiusiu. Cyclonic winds in each depression. Strong NW squalls in Shantung and on the Yellow Sea. Overcast and cold weather at Shanghai; very high temperature in the Philippines and Indo-China. Fog along the coasts of Fukien, Kwangtung and Tongking.

Apr. 3.—The pressure rises fairly rapidly and the wind veers to the N. quadrant at Shanghai and in the North. The weather clears up during the night and becomes cooler. Slight mist.

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Nikko Maru .....Apr. 9
Yamashiro Maru ...April 12
Kumano Maru .....Apr. 16

FOR BOMBAY
*Rangoon Maru .....Apr. 29

FOR SEATTLE VIA VICTORIA B.C.
Shidzuoka Maru .....Mary 18
Iyo Maru .....April 21

FOR SOUTH AMERICA VIA Cape From Kobe.
Kanagawa Maru .....Apr. 30

FOR EUROPE
*Matsuye Maru .....Apr. 5
Haruna Maru .....Apr. 5
*Tsushima Maru .....Apr. 13
Kamo Maru .....Apr. 23
Katori Maru .....May 3

FOR AUSTRALIAN PORTS
Yoshino Maru Apr. 11 from Kobe
Apr. 12 from Nagasaki
Apr. 18 from Hongkong

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Apr. 7 — Portland, Ore.	Dewey	Am. Lumber Co.
Apr. 11 — San Francisco	†Korea Maru	Jap. T.K.K.
Apr. 11 — New York via Suez	†P. Garfield	Am. Dollar Co.
Apr. 12 — New York	Tsuyama Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Apr. 12 — San Francisco	†P. Lincoln	Am. P.M.S.S. Co.
Apr. 13 — Seattle	†P. Jackson	Am. Adl. O. Line
Apr. 13 — Portland, Ore.	Wawalona	Am. Lumber Co.
Apr. 17 — Tacoma, etc.	Alabama Mar	Jap. O. S. K.
Apr. 20 — Portland, Ore.	A. E. Morse	Am. Lumber Co.
Apr. 21 — Vancouver	†E. of Australia	Br. C. P. S.
Apr. 21 — Seattle	Iyo Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Apr. 23 — San Francisco	†Shinyo Maru	Jap. T.K.K.
Apr. 25 — New York via Suez	†P. Polk	Am. Dollar Co.
Apr. 25 — Seattle	†P. Jefferson	Am. Adl. O. Line
Apr. 25 — Vancouver, etc.	C. Winner	Br. B. & S.
May 8 — San Francisco	Siberia Maru	Jap. T.K.K.
May 10 — Vancouver	†E. of Asia	Br. C. P. S.
May 17 — San Francisco	Taiyo Maru	Jap. T.K.K.
May 19 — Seattle	†P. Madison	Am. Adl. O. Line
May 18 — Seattle	Shidzouka Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
May 24 — San Francisco	†P. Pierce	Am. P.M.S.S. Co

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Apr. 4 — Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.	Jap. N. Y. K.
Apr. 5 — Moji, Kobe, Osaka	Omi Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Apr. 6 — Japan	Shanghai M	Jap. N. Y. K.
Apr. 9 — Japan	Nikko Maru	Jap. N. Y. K.
Apr. 12 — Japan	Yamashiro Mar	Jap. N.Y.K.

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Apr. 4 — Hamburg, etc.	Matsuye Mar	Jap. N.Y.K.
Apr. 4 — Rotterdam, etc.	Paris Maru	Jap. O. S. K.
Apr. 5 — London	Haruna Maru	Jap. N. Y. K.
Apr. 9 — Bombay	Lahore	Br. M. M. Co.
Apr. 9 — Hamburg, etc.	Glaucus	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 10 — Marseilles	†Amazone	Fr. M. M. Cie
Apr. 11 — Hamburg, etc.	Nienburg	Ger. Mel. & Co.
Apr. 13 — London	†Nellore	Br. M. M. & Co.
Apr. 15 — London, etc.	Tsushima Maru	Jap. N. Y. K.
Apr. 15 — Liverpool	Aleinous	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 15 — Hamburg, etc.	Carl Legien	Ger. H. S. Line
Apr. 15 — London	†China	Br. M. M. & Co.
Apr. 17 — London	†Sarpédon	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 22 — Bombay	†Soudan	Br. M. M. & Co.
Apr. 23 London, etc.	Kamo Maru	Jap. N. Y. K.
Apr. 23 — Rotterdam	Aideramin	Dut. H.C.T. Co.
Apr. 23 — Hamburg, etc.	Glenogle	Br. G.L.E.A.
Apr. 24 — Marseilles	†Angkor	Fr. M. M. Cie
Apr. 25 — Rotterdam, etc.	London Maru	Jap. O.S.K.
Apr. 27 — Singapore, Java	W. Faralon	Am. S. & B.
Apr. 27 — Liverpool	†Teucer	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 29 — Bombay	Rangoon Maru	Jap. N. Y. K.
Apr. 29 — London, etc.	†Kalyan	Br. M. M. & Co.
Apr. 29 — Hamburg, etc.	Coblenz	Ger. Mel. & Co.
May 3 — London, etc.	†Katori Maru	Jap. N. Y. K.
May 8 — Marseilles	Chambord	Fr. M. M. Cie.
May 13 — London	†Plassy	Br. M. M. & Co.
May 14 — Liverpool	†Patroclus	Br. B. & S
May 15 — Marseilles	Laul Lecat	Fr. M. M. Cie
May 20 — London	†Kashmir	Br. M.M. & Co.
May 20 — Hamburg, e.c.	A. von Baeyer	Ger. H S. Line
May 21 — Rotterdam	Oostkerk	Dut. H.C.T. Co.
May 22 — Marseilles	Andre Lebon	Fr. M. M. Cie
May 27 — London	†Khiva	Br. M. M. Co.
June 5 — Marseilles	Amboise	Fr. M. M. Cie
June 10 — London	†Kashgar	Br. M. M. & Co.
June 11 — London	†Mentor	Br. B. & S
June 19 — Marseilles	Chanfilly	Fr. M.M. Cie
June 24 — London	†Moren	Br. M. M. & Co.

FOR AUSTRALIA FROM HONGKONG

Apr. 16 — Melbourne, etc.	†Yoshino Mar	Jap N. Y. K.
Apr. 30 — Melbourne, etc.	†St. Albans	Br. M.M. & Co
May 28 — Melbourne, etc.	†Eastern	Br. M. M. & Co.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Apr. 4	D.L. Wenchow	Feiching	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co.
Apr. 5	N. *Amoy	Sunning	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 6	1.00 H'kong, S'tow, C'ton	Shantung	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 6	1.00 Swatow	Chusan	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 6	— Hongkong	Alabama Maru	Jap. O. S.K.
Apr. 7	— Hongkong	E. of Australia	Br. C. P. S.
Apr. 7	— Hongkong	P. Jefferson	Jap. N. Y. K.
Apr. 7	— Hongkong, Manila	Dewey	Am. Lumber Co.
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Apr. 8	2.00 H'kong, C'ton	Suiyang	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 9	2.00 H'kong, C'ton	Liangchow	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 10	3.00 H'kong, C'ton	Soochow	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 12	— Formosa	Seikyo Maru	Jap. O. S. K
Apr. 22	— Canton	Tungshin	Br J. M. & Co.
Apr. 30	— Hongkong, Manila	Shidzouka Maru	Jap. N. Y. K.

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Apr. 3	N. *Antung	Chengtu	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 3	D.L. Tsingtau	Wingsang	Br. J. M. & Co.
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Apr. 4	N. W'haiwei, T'tsin	Newchwang	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 5	N. Tsingtau	Luchow	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 5	10.00 *W'H'wei, C'foo, T'tsin	Shuntien	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 5	N. Newchwang	Kwangse	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 6	— T'tsin via Taingtau	Fukuken M.	Jap. O.S.K.
Apr. 6	1.00 Newchwang	Shansi	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 6	D.L. Tientsin	Yusang	Br. J.M. & Co.
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Apr. 22	— Tientsin, Dairen	Kyodo Maru	Jap. O. S. K.

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Apr. 4	M.N. Yangtsze ports	Loongwo	Br. J. M. & Co.
Apr. 4	M.N. River ports	Ngankin	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 4	M.N. Hankow	Kianghsin	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co.
Apr. 5	M.N. Hankow	Woosung	Br. B. & S.
Apr 6	M.N. Hankow	Kiangteen	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co.
Apr. 7	M.N. Hankow	Shengking	Chi C.M.S.N. Co.
Apr. 7	M.N. Hankow	Luenho	Br. J.M. & Co.
Apr. 7	— Hankow	Kiangshin	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co
Apr. 7	M.N. Yangtsze ports	Luenho	Br. J. M. & Co.
Apr. 8	M.N. Yangtsze ports	Kungwo	Br. J. M. & Co.
Apr. 8	M.N. Hankow	Kungwo	Br. J. M. & Co.
Apr. 8	M.N. Hankow	Wuchang	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 8	M.N. Hankow	Kiangyu	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co.
Apr. 9	M.N. Hankow	Poyang	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 10	M.N. Hankow	Pingwo	Br. J. M. & Co
Apr. 10	M.N. Hankow	Wuchow	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 11	M.N. Hankow	Tuckwo	Br. J. M. & Co.
Apr. 11	M.N. Hankow	Luenyi	Br. B. & S.
Apr. 12	M.N. Hankow	Whangpu	Br. B. & S.

M. N.—MIDNIGHT. †CARRYING MAIL
D. L.—DAYLIGHT. *MORNING

Vessels Loading

For River Ports

HANKOW AND PORTS.—The Str. KIANGHSIN, Capt. Kornbeet, will leave on Friday, midnight April 4. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. CO.

HANKOW AND PORTS.—The Str. Kiangteen, Capt Klausen, will leave on Sunday, midnight April 6. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. CO.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s S.S. LOONGWO, 3,925 Tons, Captain Holmwood, will sail for the above-mentioned ports from Hunt's Wharf on Friday, April 4, at about midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Telephone Central 241. Extensions for Freight and Passenger Departments.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s S.S. LUENHO, 2,868 tons, Captain Woodget, will sail for the above-mentioned ports from Hunt's Wharf on Monday, April 7, at about midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Telephone Central 241. Extensions for Freight and Passenger Departments.

FOR HANKOW AND PORTS.—The Str. Kiangshan Capt. McIlwain, will leave on Monday midnight, April 7. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s S.S. KUNGWO, 4,635 tons, Captain Gibb, will sail for the above-mentioned ports from Hunt's Wharf on Tuesday, April 8, at about midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Telephone Central 241. Extensions for Freight and Passenger Departments.

FOR HANKOW AND PORTS.—The Str. Kiangyu, Capt. Johannesson, will leave on Tuesday midnight, April 8. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s S.S PINGWO, 2,671 Tons, Captain Pellew, will sail for the above-mentioned ports from Hunt's Wharf on Thursday, April 10, at about midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Telephone Central 241. Extensions to Freight and Passenger Departments.

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s S.S TUCKWO, 3770 Tons, Captain Campbell, will sail for the above-mentioned ports from Hunt's Wharf, on Friday, April 11, at about midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers. Telephone: Central 241. Extensions for Freight and Passenger Departments.

For Southern Ports

WENCHOW.—The Str. FEICHING, Capt. Manley, will leave on Sunday morning, April 6. For Freight or Passage, apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

For Northern Ports

FOR CHEFOO AND TIENTSIN.—The Str. Hsinkong, Capt. W. G. H. Smith, will leave on Sunday morning, April 6. For Freight or Passage apply to C.M.S.N. Co.

Steamers Arrived

Yungshin from Ningpo
Hsinkiangteen from Ningpo
Shuntien from Chefoo
Tingsang from Chefoo
City of Glasgow from Japan
Salen from .....
Sunning from Hongkong
Nanyang from River Ports
Ngankin from River Ports
Nagasaki Maru from Japan
Haruna Maru from Japan
Loongwo from River Ports
Fukuken Maru from Foochow
Yushun from Tientsin
Paris Maru from Japan
Shawlain from Newchwang
Hanyang from Swatow
Pres. McKinley from Manila

The China Press Mail Schedule

TO THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE

DATE	CLOSING	STEAMER	DUE AT	DATE
Apr. 3	2 p.m.	P. McKinley	Seattle	Apr. 18
Apr. 5	9 p.m.	E. of Russia		
Apr. 6	3 p.m.	Kaga Maru		

TO SOUTHERN PORTS IND IA & EUROPE VIA SUEZ

DATE	CLOSING	STEAMER	DUE AT	DATE
Apr. 1	3 p.m.	Khyber	Marseilles	May 3
Apr. 5	7 a.m.	Haruna M.	Marseilles	May 10
Apr. 9	10 a.m.	Glaucus		
Apr. 10	11 a.m.	Amazone		

TO NORTHERN PORTS

TO	DATE	CLOSING	STEAMER
Vladivostok	Daily	9 p.m.	via Harbin
Siberia	Daily	9 p.m.	via Chita
W'wei, C'foo, T'tsin	Today	10 a.m.	Newchwang
Antung	Today	10 a.m.	Chengtu
Tsingtau & Dairen	Today	8 a.m.	Saikio Maru
Tsingtao	Apr. 5	10 a.m.	Luchow
W'wei, C'foo, T'tsin	Apr. 5	8 a.m.	Shuntien
Newchwang	Apr. 5	10 a.m.	Kwangse
Chefoo & Tientsin	Apr. 5	11 p.m.	Yusang
Chefoo & Tientsin	Apr. 5	12 m. n.	Hsinkong
Newchwang	Apr. 6	11 a.m.	Shansi
Tientsin & Chefoo	Apr. 8	1 p.m.	Tungchow
Tientsin	Apr. 8	12 m. n.	Kwangping
Taingtao	Apr. 8	11 p.m.	Wosang

TO SOUTHERN PORTS

TO	DATE	CLOSING	STEAMER
Hongkong & Canton	Today	7.30 a.m.	West Keats
Hongkong & Canton	Today	7 a.m.	Mapia
Hongkong & Canton	Today	9.30 a.m.	Venezia
Amoy	Today	7.30 a.m.	Taito M.
Wenchow	Apr. 5	12 m.n.	Feiching
Hongkong & Canton	Apr. 5	7 a.m.	Haruna Maru
Swatow	Apr. 5	11 p.m.	Tingsang
Amoy	Apr. 5	10 a.m.	Sunning
Swatow	Apr. 6	11 a.m.	Chusan
Swatow	Apr. 6	11 a.m.	Shantung
Hongkong & Canton	Apr. 7	3 p.m.	E. of Australia
Swatow	Apr. 8	11 p.m.	Wingsang
Amoy	Apr. 8	12 m. n.	Suiyang

MISCELLANEOUS PORTS

TO	DATE	CLOSING	STEAMER
Russia and Europe	Daily	9 p.m.	via Trans
River ports	Daily	9 p.m.	via Trans
Japan ports	Apr. 4	8 p.m.	Omi Maru
Manila, Australia & N. Zealand	Apr. 5	7 a.m.	Haruna M
Japan ports	Apr. 7	8 p.m.	Shanghai M.
Manila, Australia & N. Zealand	Apr. 7	3 p.m.	E. of Australia
Japan ports	Apr. 8	8 p.m.	Nikko M.
Manila, Australia & N. Zealand	Apr. 8	9 p.m.	P. Jefferson
Japan ports	Apr. 10	8 p.m.	Nagasaki M.

Men-Of-War In Port

Station	Date	Name	Flag and Rating
I C	Mar. 22	Calabria	Ital. Cruiser
P N B	Mar. 15	Colmar	Fr. Cruiser
I Z H	Mar. 19	F. Carlotto	Ital. Gun-boat
O D W	.....	Penguin	Am. Gun-boat
O D W	Feb. 14	Pigeon	Am. Gun-boat
I C	.....	Sien	Jap. Gun-boat
I C	Feb. 29	Seb. Caboto	Ital. Gun-boat
Y T P D W	Feb. 7	Woodcock	Br. Gun-boat

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SUMMARY OF AUCTIONS

Friday, April 4, at 10 a.m.
In Front Salesroom, Rose Trees, Conifers and Shrubs.

Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m.
In Front Salesroom, Furniture, Piano and Sundries
Details as under:—

IN FRONT SALESROOM
On Friday Next, April 4, at 10 a.m.
Consignment of 1200
Rose Trees, Conifers and Shrubs,
An Overstock of Fine Specimens Just Arrived

ROSES—named varieties: Yhonkeer Mock, Snow Queen, Margaret Dickson, Gruss an Teplitz, Red letter day, Lemon Queen &c., &c., &c., all established trees.
CONIFERS & SHRUBS—Thuja Filifera, Thuja Obtusa, Thuja Dolobrata, Juniperis Globosa, Argentea, Daphne Odorato, Aucuba Japonica, Bridal Wreath &c., &c.,

On View on Thursday.

IN FRONT SALESROOM
On Saturday, April 5, 1924
Commencing at 10 a.m.
Excellent Household Furniture,
New Foreign Made Ice Chest, Piano,
Wardrobe Trunks and Sundries

Comprising:—

Tapestry upholstered double spring couch and arm chairs, small rocking chairs, mahogany stained serving table, bevelled mirror-back chiffonier, dining table, dining chairs, Black wood carved stands, black wood tables, mahogany stained dressing tables with bevelled mirror back, Ice chest, mahogany stained wooden double and single bedstead with wire and other mattresses, brass double bedstead with wire and other mattress, white enamel double and single bedsteads with wire and other mattresses, wicker furniture, Peking carpets in Various sizes, Teak hat stand, Suite teak bedroom furniture 8 pcs, teak flat top desk, teak book case, set of Nelson Encyclopaedia, old Chinese blue and white vases, teak dining table, teak dining chairs, copy books, dressing mirrors, oil cooking stove, enamelled and gold toilet set, smoker set, vanity set, menu cards, crosstitch needles, books, picture, glass ware, crockery, nickel music stands and Sundries.

Also

Oliver Typewriter
Wardrobe trunks
Cameras
Fine toned upright piano
Lady's beaded hand bags
New foreign made ice chest
Tea Factory machinery, furniture and sundries etc.
1 Pen of Rhode Island Reds (1 cock and 2 hens, very fine layers)
3 Pen of White Wyandottes (1 cock and 2 pullets, just started laying)
1 Pair White Leghorn chickens
3 Lots of 12 fresh setting eggs (barred Plymouth Rocks and Rhode Island Reds).
2 Lots of 12 fresh setting eggs (White Leghorn from imported stock)

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Will sell by Public Auction
On Saturday, April 5, 1924
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AT THE CANTON GARAGE
No. 1 and 2 Jukong Road, Chapel.
On
Friday, April 4, 1924 At 2.30 p.m.
(Afternoon)

The following, Comprising:—

One Braizer car, 4 cylinder 5 seater One Saxon closed car, 5 seater, 6 cylinder One Scripp Booth touring car, 2 seater, 4 cylinder One Scripp Booth touring car, 2 seater, 8 cylinder One Calcott car, 2 seater, 4 cylinder One Motor cycle with side car. (H Davidson)

and

A quantity of motor car accessories, tools, lathes, electric motor, steel shafts, brass propellers, pliers, horns, lamps, pumps, batteries, cylinders, magneto, bumpers, tanks, etc.,

also

One "Remington" typewriting machine with table, desks, chairs, file cabinet, iron safe, telephone, wall clocks, rattan chairs, sofas, tables,, wall mirror, electric fixtures and fittings, etc.

On view morning of sale.

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At 10 a.m. (Forenoon)
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also

2 Dozen pieces pigeons
1 German police dog
AND AT 12.15 SHARP
One "Scripp Booth" car, 4 cylinder, 5 seater in good running order and condition.

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Comprising:—

Hall.—Mirror-back Hat and Umbrella Stand, Hall Table, Double Spring Couch.
Office.—Teakwood Counters, Teakwood Writing Desks, Roll top Desks, Teakwood Letter Files, Office Chairs, Mirror Back Sideboard, Broscolights, Steam Boilers, Looking Glasses, Scale etc.
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Ball Room.—Looking Glasses, American Steam Boilers, Silk Curtains Fire Extinguishers, Chairs, Teapoys, Tables, Etc.
Dining Room.—Mirror-back Sideboards, Teakwood Jardinere Stands, Dinner Wagons, Dining Tables, Chairs, Brass Spittons, Pictures, Ceiling Fans, Broscolights, and E. P. and GLASS WARE, Knives, Forks, Spoons, Coffee Sets, Cruet Stands, Flower Stands, Dinner Sets, Tea Set, Brass Trays, Butter and Fruit Dishes, Glasses, etc.
Contents Of Fourteen Bed Rooms.—Mirror-Door Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Chest of Drawers, Washstands, Chairs, Spring Couches, Tientsin Carpets, Rugs, Mattings, Curtains, Double Wooden Bedsteads, Pictures, Table Covers, Napkins, Towels, Bedsheets, Blankets, and etc.
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			Foreign
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262	Hankow	Fittkau and Woseran	Office altns.
324	Shanse	E. Saenson & Co., Ld.	Hotel extn.
1020 E.	Seward and Minghong	S. Okano	altns building
1415	E. Yuhang	Chinese	Godown
205	Bubbling Well	Chinese	Shop
2590	Avenue Haig and Gt. Western	Pacific Engineering Co.	3 houses, 2 garages quarters
6220 & N. 6220	Hart Extn.	Cumine and Milne	5 houses, 2 garages, lodge, wall, gates
2829	off Nanyang	Y. S. Kumsoo	Houst altns. and garage
2780	off Sinza	Chinese	Godown
2304	Weihaiwei	Chinese	W. C. *Chinese*
697A	Kwangse	Hong Yue Building Co., Ld.	House altns.
697A	off Kwangse	Chinese	Hong addns.
481	Tientsin	Chinese	5 houses
929	Woosung and Haining extn.	K. Hatta	altns. 2 houses
225	off E. Yuhang	Chinese	Hong and wall
7530 & E. 7530 W.	Holung and Ningkuo	Cumine and Milne	26 houses
2843 E.	Avenue	Chinese	5 houses
4370	Haiphong	Chinese	8 bungalows 2 houses

Information For Mariners

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1924

The morning tide are higher than the evening tides, they are about equal after noon and midnight.
Approximate rise, at spring 4¼ h; at neaps, 5 h.
fall, at spring 3¼ h; at neaps, 7½ h.

Time	Range	Time	Range
0h. 13m.	8ft. 9in.	0h. 29m.	8ft. 6in.

High Water at Tungsha Lightship
(The morning tides are higher than the evening tides.)
Approximate rise, 1½ h; approximate fall, 7 h.

A.M.	P.M.
11h. 31m.	11h. 47m.

Time of Moonrise, Moonset, Sunrise, Sunset.

Moon		Sun		Daylight	Dark
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets		
5:50 a.m.	6:23 p.m.	5h. 51m.	6h. 18m.	5h. 6m.	7h. 3m.

Mean Barometric Pressure. 30.17 in.
March 766.6 mm.

Passengers Departed

Per C.N. s.s. Changhchow for Canton: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Samples and Miss Samples.

Per C.N. s.s. Chengtu for Antung: Mr. and Mrs. Chepperfield and Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard.

Per I-C. s.s. Kutwo for River ports: Mrs. B. B. Champman and Mr. Schumacher.

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Per N.Y.K. s.s. Nagasaki Maru from Nagasaki: Miss L. Lorenz, Mr. E. L. Pomercy, Mr. A. Ribet, Mr. A. C. McCulhough.

Per I.C. s.s. Loongwo from River ports: Mrs S. A. Vincent and son, Mr. Schlenter, Mr. R. H. Batazs, Miss M. Carnaby, Mr. L. Warren and J. H. Vogel.

Per C.N. s.s. Shubtien from Tientsin ,Chefoo and Weihaiwei: Mrs. A. J. Heal, Mr. and Mrs. Martench, Mr. A. Rouse, Mr. N. L. Johnson, Mr. Polhill, Mrs. M. C. Cooper.

Per C.M. s.s. Kiangan from Hankow: Mr. and Mrs. Eviloff and children, Mr. and Mrs. Arnovitch, Mr. P. Petersen, Mr. F. N. Dives, Miss Brown and Miss Search.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO

Cordelia	Feb. 21
President Cleveland	Mar. 1
Talabot	Mar. 1
Standard Arrow	Mar. 2
India Arrow	Mar. 3
Argon	Mar. 3
James B. Duke	Mar. 3
Pres. Wilson Maru	Mar. 29
Pres. Mckinley	Apr. 3

FOR VANCOUVER

Empress of Asia	Mar. 16

FOR PORTLAND ORE.

Halifried	Feb. 21
Pawlet	Feb. 22
West Cadron	Mar. 3
Rigi	Mar. 7
West Jessup	Mar. 8
Erviken	Mar. 14
West Orowa	Mar. 18
West Kader	Mar. 19

FOR SEATTLE

West Hixton	Mar 11
Satsuma	Mar. 3
Wheatland Montana	Mar. 7
President Grant	Mar. 8
Kongosan Maru	Mar. 13
Yokohama Maru	Mar. 13
President Madison	Mar. 20

FOR NEW YORK

City of Manila	Feb. 28
Egremont Castle	Feb. 28
President Hayes	Feb. 29
Laconia	Mar. 3
Southwestern Miller	Mar. 5
Kabinga	Mar. 7
Bowes Castle	Mar. 5
Knight Templar	Mar. 17
Alaska Maru	Mar. 22
Edenton	Mar. 27
President Adams	Mar. 28

FOR UNITED KINGDOM

City of Pekin	Feb. 27
Glenbeg	Mar. 1
Hakozaki Maru	Mar. 1
Karmala	Mar. 4
Elpenor	Mar. 5
Teiresias	Mar. 12
Bellerophon	Mar. 15
City of York	Mar. 15
Hakusan Maru	Mar. 15
Naldera	Mar. 18
Rhexenor	Mar. 19
Kitano Maru	Mar. 22
City of York	Mar. 26
Meriones	Mar. 26

FOR HAMBURG

Mito Maru	Feb. 21
Altai Maru	Feb. 27
Scheer	Mar. 4
Rhineland	Mar. 6
Delagoa Maru	Mar. 12
Munsterland	Mar. 13

FOR ROTTERDAM

Saparoea	Mar. 1

FOR COPENHAGEN

Asia	Mar. 9

FOR BARCELONIA

Legaspi	Mar. 21

FOR MARSEILLES

Angers	Feb. 29
D. P. Benoit	Mar. 8
Chili	Mar. 13
Porthos	Mar. 27

FOR TRIESTE

Rosandra	Mar. 12

FOR INDIA

Tymaric	Mar. 7
Kidderpore	Mar. 11
Tamba Maru	Mar. 20
Misty Law	Mar. 21
Sicilia	Mar. 24

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Take an inventory of your facial appearance. Does your complexion still preserve its youthful clearness and freshness? Is your skin becoming wrinkled, or sallow, or dry? If so, do not feel discouraged—your beauty need not pay this unjust tax to Old Father' Time. Consult Madame Nelson-Mee, Beauty Specialist, Ezra Bldg., 3rd Floor, 24 Nanking Road. Central 2035.

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WATCH THE FUTURE
You'll Be Surprised

China And The Boy Scouts Rally In Denmark

BY WELLINGTON ZIA

Wellington Zia is a sixteen-year old second class student at St. John's Middle School who is keenly interested in the Boy Scout movement and wants to see China represented in the big rally in Denmark.

China is a weak nation. Yet to the Versailles and Washington Conferences China did not fail to send representatives, for she realised that if she attended them she might get some good and benefit out of them. Although she had not gained much as other foreign nations did, still she got a little, and a little is better than nothing.

The World's Christian Students' Federation held its convention in our capital last year, nearly forty different nations were present at the meeting, to solve the problem of international peace. China for the first time participated in such a big and worthy international gathering especially held on her own home land.

It was formed in the year 1914, in Paris. Its purpose is to improve international boy scouts' activities, to cultivate character as well as to improve friendships among the nations in the world.

INVITATION FROM DENMARK

This year, the Shanghai Boy Scouts Association received an invitation from the Denmark National Boy Scouts Association requesting China to send representatives to the International Boy Scouts Rally held at Copenhagen, Denmark, next August. China had not taken part in the previous competitions held in London and Paris although she was a member of the International Boy Scouts Association. Why? Simply because China was too poor to meet the expenses of her representatives. This is a national disgrace.

VALUE FOR CHINA

People often say that China is the sleeping lion and is gradually awakening from sleep. The responsibility to wake her up the sooner rests upon the shoulders of the present young generation of China. Then why does China not avail herself of this golden opportunity in sending a troop of boy scouts to Denmark before August in order that these young citizens may gain some experience and see what other nations are doing. Of course, we should scarcely expect to get any championships but participation itself in rally will be the reward for it will help much the future scouting movement in China.

Shanghai, Canton and Peking are the leading Chinese educational centers and the scouting activities in these cities show most success. An appointment committee should be formed to choose high-recorded scouts, whose age must be below seventeen and who must pass their physical examinations from schools of high standing in English.

SECURING OF MONEY

As to the question of finance, the Shanghai Boy Scouts Association has estimated a sum of five hundred thousand dollars Chinese currency to be needed, and should ask the Educational Association of different provinces to contribute to that fund.

Hence, both for the uplift of her national prestige and for the promotion of international friendship, China has recently been very enthusiastic in participating in any gathering of nations. Then why should she fail this time to be represented at the International Boy Scouts Rally, Copenhagen, this August, if the educational associations of different provinces and friends of the Chinese Boy Scouts Association would support this movement financially?

TREATY APPROVED

(Reuter's Service)

Warsaw, April 2.—The Senate has approved the ratification of the commercial and navigation treaty between Japan and Poland.

Vessels Due

Alcinous, *Omuta*	Apr. 5
Coblenz, *Hamburg*	Apr. 4
Clenshane, *London*	Apr. 4
Haveland, *Hamburg*	Apr. 4
Hanyang, *Hongkong*	Apr. 4
Hsinkong, *Tientsin*	Apr. 4
Iyo Maru, *Nagasaki*	Apr. 6
Kanchow, *Hongkong*	Apr. 7
Kungwo, *Yangtse Ports*	Apr. 6
Kwangtah, *Hongkong*	Apr. 6
Liangchow, *Hongkong*	Apr. 5
Luenho, *Yangtze Ports*	Apr. 5
Pres. Garfield, *San Francisco*	Apr. 8
Pakhoi, *Hongkong*	Mar. 30
Pingwo, *Yangtsze ports*	Apr. 9
Pres. Momroe, San Francisco	May 6
Pres. Polk, *San Francisco*	Apr. 22
Rhesus, *Liverpool*	Apr. 4
Shansi, *Hongkong*	Apr. 4
Stanley Dollar, *Seattle*	Apr. 14
Suiyang, *Hongkong*	Apr. 5
Taksang, *Tientsin*	Apr. 6
Tungwah, *Newchwang*	Apr. 4
Wingsang, *Tsingtau*	Apr. 8
Wosang, *Canton*	Apr. 7
Yatshing, *Canton*	Apr. 4
Yushan, *Chefoo*	Apr. 4
Yusang, *Tientsin*	Apr. 5

Provision Prices In Local Market

Prices quoted are in Mexican dollar cents at Hongkew Market compiled on April 1, 1924.

Butcher's Meat		
Beef	per lb.	16-30
Mutton	"	18-30
Pork	"	30-40
Veal	"	24-36
Fish		
Bream	per lb.	20-25
Cod	"	16-20
Mandarin	"	30-50
Mackerel	"	20-35
Pomfret	"	40-50
Salmon	"	25-30
Samli	"	none
Soles	"	30-35
Whitebait	"	25-30
Game Poultry and Eggs		
Deer	each	none
Eggs	per doz.	25-30
Fowl	per lb.	25-30
Hare	each	none
Partridge	"	none
Pheasant	"	none
Geese	"	$1.20-$1.50
Plover	"	none
Pigeons	"	25-30
Quail	"	20-25
Snipe	"	16-18
Teal	"	18-20
Turkey	per lb.	55-60
Woodcock	each	50-60
Wild Duck	"	40-50
Duck	"	30-$1.00
Wild Pigeon	"	none
Fruit		
Apricots	per lb.	none
Apples	"	18-22
Bananas	"	6-8
Chestnuts	"	12-14
Cherries	per lb.	none
Cocoanuts	each	15-20
Figs	ped doz.	none
Grapes	per lb.	none
Grape fruit	each	20-25
Lemons	"	8-10
Oranges	per lb.	16-22
Mangoes	each	15-25
Peaches	"	none
Melons	"	none
Mangosteens	per doz.	none
Persimmons	per lb.	none
Pears	"	16-20
Peeboos	"	none
Plums	"	none
Pumeloes	each	25-30
Pineapples	"	none
Strawberries	per lb.	none
Walnuts	"	15-18
Vegetables		
Artichokes	per lb.	3-4
Asparagus	per doz.	none
Bamboo Shoots	per lb.	20-25
Beetroot	per bunch	3-3
Broad Beans	per lb.	5-6
Cabbages	each	10-15
Celery	per bunch	8-10
Carrots	"	4-5
Cauliflower	each	13-20
Egg Plant	per lb.	12-14
French Beans	"	25-30
Green Corn	"	none
Peas	"	10-12
Mushrooms	"	60-80
Leeks	per bunch	4-5
Parsnips	"	8-10
Potatoes	per picul	$3.50-$4.00
Radishes	per bunch	1-2
Onions	per lb.	8-12
Spinach	"	3-4
Tomatoes	"	8-10
Turnips	per bunch	2-3
Grain and Flour		
Flour American	50 lbs.	$4.30
Flour Shanghai	"	$2.60
Bran	per 114 lbs.	$3.20
Barley	"	$4-10
Rice	per 200 lbs.	$11.40
Milk		
Chinese dairies	per bottle	$0.20
Foreign dairies	"	$0.25
Fuel		
Fire Wood	per 40 bundles	$1.00
Stove Coal	per ton Tls.	18.75
House Coal	"	15.75

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